Two Virginia Plans

Read how different goals shaped England's early settlement attempts.

5.C.1.3 "Explain England's goals for the settlement of Virginia, including attempts to stake claim on North America at Roanoke and to develop Jamestown as a profit venture for investors."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline a phrase that shows England's goal at Roanoke, and circle a phrase that shows the Virginia Company's goal at Jamestown. Number one detail about what happened at each place.

A Claim and a Company

1. In the late 1500s, England wanted a foothold in North America. English leaders hoped settlements would strengthen England's claim to land that Native peoples already lived on. They also wanted access to goods and trade across the Atlantic. Sir Walter Raleigh backed voyages to Roanoke Island, off the coast of present-day North Carolina. To English leaders, sending people to live there was a way to press England's claim.

2. English settlers tried to build a colony at Roanoke in the 1580s. A group arrived in 1587, but its leader, John White, sailed back to England for supplies. War with Spain delayed his return until 1590. When he came back, the settlers were gone, and their fate remains uncertain. Roanoke did not become a lasting English settlement, but the attempt showed England's goal of claiming a place in North America.

3. In 1607, the Virginia Company, a group of English investors, sent settlers to Jamestown in present-day Virginia. The company hoped the settlement would earn money by finding valuable resources and building trade. Investors paid for the voyage and hoped to share in its profits. Settlers faced hunger and disease, so making money was not simple. Unlike Roanoke, Jamestown survived and became England's first permanent settlement in North America.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How was sending settlers to Roanoke meant to support England's goal in North America?

2. How did what happened at Roanoke limit England's plan to claim a place through settlement?

3. What goal did the Virginia Company have for Jamestown that was different from England's claim-making goal at Roanoke?

4. Why did investors pay to send settlers to Jamestown, and what made their goal difficult to reach?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A museum sign says, "England sent settlers only to find gold." Write a replacement sign of 3 to 4 sentences. Explain the goals at both Roanoke and Jamestown, and tell what happened to each settlement.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline a phrase that shows England's goal at Roanoke, and circle a phrase that shows the Virginia Company's goal at Jamestown. Number one detail about what happened at each place. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How was sending settlers to Roanoke meant to support England's goal in North America?	**Living at Roanoke would help England press its claim to land in North America.**
2	How did what happened at Roanoke limit England's plan to claim a place through settlement?	**The settlers were gone when John White returned, so Roanoke did not become a lasting English settlement.**
3	What goal did the Virginia Company have for Jamestown that was different from England's claim-making goal at Roanoke?	**The Virginia Company wanted Jamestown to earn profits for its investors through resources and trade.**
4	Why did investors pay to send settlers to Jamestown, and what made their goal difficult to reach?	**They hoped to share in profits from resources and trade, but settlers faced hunger and disease.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

England sent settlers to Roanoke to strengthen its claim to land in North America, where Native peoples already lived. The settlers were gone when John White returned, so Roanoke did not become a lasting English settlement. Later, the Virginia Company sent settlers to Jamestown, hoping to earn profits from resources and trade. Jamestown survived, although hunger and disease made the company's goal hard to reach.

Accept answers that distinguish England's claim-making goal at Roanoke from the Virginia Company's profit goal at Jamestown. Students should not claim that anyone knows for certain what happened to the Roanoke settlers.