
Independent Investigation: Great People of the 16th Century

Choose one of the following individuals, based on your interests, to study. Read about this individual from at least 3 different sources, then answer the questions below.

Great People at the Time of the Lost Colony, 1587

- . Francis Bacon (Political Leader, Philosopher, Scientist)
- . John Knox (Religious Leader)
- . Claudio Monteverdi (Musician)
- . Antonio da Ponte (Architect)
- . Christopher Marlowe (Writer)
- . William Shakespeare (Writer)
- . Cervantes (Writer)
- . Sir Francis Drake (Explorer and Pirate)
- . Pope Gregory XIII (Religious Leader)
- . El Greco (Artist)
- . Mary, Queen of Scots (Political leader)
- . Galileo Galilei (Scientist)
- . Philip II of Spain (Political Leader)
- . King Henri III of France (Political Leader)

Questions to be answered in writing:

- 1) What sources did you use (minimum of 3)?
- 2) What were the major characteristics or attributes of this individual?
- 3) What were the person's major contributions?
- 4) How old would this individual have been when the colonists sailed on April 26, 1587?

The individual that you have chosen to study has applied to Sir Walter Raleigh to be one of the colonists headed for the New World on the 1587 voyage to Roanoke Island. He has asked you personally to give him unbiased feedback as to this person's qualifications and potential contributions as a colonist. Please consider the person's skills, character traits, age, health, family and other relevant information. Although you know what the future holds for this individual and that may shape your recommendation (i.e. "You will be protecting this individual from future harm."), please don't reveal to Sir Walter the specifics of that future. He might suspect you as being bewitched! You must include at least 3 reasons why this individual would make a good colonist, and at least 3 reasons why he/she would not.

Your recommendation may come in any of the following forms:

___ A letter ___ A skit ___ A video
___ A poster ___ A song ___ Your
idea _____

This portion of your final product will be evaluated by the following criteria:

- . Time and Effort invested (up to 40 points)
- . Amount of Information (up to 40 points)
- . Originality of Presentation (up to 40 points)

I agree to work on the above assignment for a minimum of _____ hours. I realize that my final products are due _____, and that I am expected to manage my time well.

Student's signature: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Teacher's signature: _____
