



Much later, more settlers came to North Carolina. One of them was out riding one day. He came across a Native American group called the Lumbee. They were unusual looking in **comparison** with the other black-haired, brown-eyed Native Americans in the north. Some Lumbee had blonde hair and gray eyes. Then he listened to their speech and almost fell off his horse. They seemed to be speaking an odd kind of English!

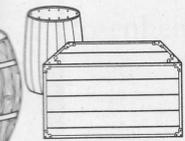
He asked where they were from. None of them knew, but said their grandparents "talked from a book." He guessed it meant that their **ancestors** were able to read. As he rode back home he asked himself a question. Were the Lumbee Indians the **descendants** of the Roanoke settlers?

People are still asking the **identical** question. Because there are no written **records**, we can't be certain. However, there is one interesting fact. Today, some of the Lumbee people have names like Sampson, Dare, and Cooper. They are identical to those of the vanished settlers of Roanoke Island.



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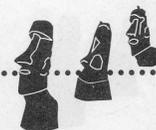
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A Vocabulary

Put the right word in the blanks. The sentences are from the text.

eager	identical	descendants	provisions
vanished	records	comparison	ancestors
settled	unfortunately	hostile	absence

1. Were the Lumbee Indians the descendants of the Roanoke settlers?
2. The Roanoke settlers had simply vanished.
3. Most of them settled along the northeast coast.
4. They were unusual looking in comparison with the other black-haired, brown-eyed Native Americans in the north.



9. Some of the Lumbee names were _____ to those of the vanished Roanoke settlement.
- unknown
 - identical
 - unfamiliar
 - limited

E Questions

The asterisk (*) means you have to think of the answer. You cannot find it in the text.

- Where did most Europeans settle when they first came to North America?
- How many people were in the group that moved south?
- Where did they settle?
- Why were they called the Roanoke settlers?
- * "That area later became part of the state of North Carolina." Why wasn't Roanoke part of North Carolina then?
- Were the Roanoke settlers well prepared for winter?
- Who decided to sail back to England? Why?
- How long was he away? What stopped him from coming back?
- In what year did he come back? What did he see?
- What was the name of the tribe that spoke an odd sort of English?
- The Lumbee said their grandparents "talked from a book." What is another way of putting this?
- What are the names of some of the Lumbee people? What is interesting about those names?

F Main Ideas

Which is the main idea of this chapter? Choose one.

- In the late 1500s, the Roanoke settlers vanished, and no one knows for certain where they went.
- The Lumbee tribe are definitely descendants of the lost Roanoke settlers.
- The mystery of the Roanoke settlers proves that nothing is really known about the 1500s in America.