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Colonial Time Line

Did you know that the first English colony in North America was located on Roanoke Island, North Carolina? It was established in 1585, more than 420 years ago! Use this time line to learn more about colonists in North America.

1590
English sailor John White arrives in Roanoke, but finds that 100 colonists have disappeared. White goes searching for the missing colonists, but they are never found.



1550



1600s
Native Americans mix mashed cranberries with deer meat and other ingredients to make a food called *pemmican*, which can be stored for a long time.

A colony is established in Jamestown, Virginia. A young Native American girl named Pocahontas helps the colonists by bringing them food during the harsh winter.



1620
Pilgrims from England establish a colony in Plymouth, Massachusetts. They become friends with local Native Americans who introduce them to new foods and farming methods.



Among the foods are cranberries, which the Native Americans also use to heal wounds and to dye cloth.

Colonists begin to use cranberries in trade with Europe. The small berries are popular with sailors because they help prevent certain illnesses, such as scurvy. Scurvy causes pain in joints and weakness of teeth in sailors who can't get enough fruit on the sea. By drying cranberries, sailors can take fruit with them on the ocean.



1700



1664
English colonists take control of an area of land called New Netherland and changes its name to New Jersey. Local Native Americans give colonists cranberries as a peace offering.

THINK ABOUT IT:

- How did Native Americans help the English colonists?
- Why do you think cranberries were valuable to the colonists?
- Use an encyclopedia or the Internet to find out which Native American groups were around during the events on the time line. Write a short essay about which of these groups helped the English colonists.

Crantastic Facts!

Today, doctors and scientists know that many health benefits can be found in cranberries. Cranberries help clean your body by helping to remove bad bacteria.