

How could over 100 people disappear? They left in a short time. They left no trace. There were no bodies. That confused people.

Some people think **aliens** are to blame. Aliens are beings from outer space. They kidnapped the colonists. They beamed them up. They took their bodies away. They forced the colonists to live on a faraway planet. They studied them.

Other people think the colonists ate each other. This is called **cannibalism**. The colonists lived apart from others. They were hungry. They ran out of food. So, they fed on each other.

Some people blame zombies.



INVESTIGATION TIPS

- Use tools to help find buried objects. Use a metal detector. It finds buried metal. Use a magnetometer. It finds iron and magnetic material. Use a GPR. GPR is ground-penetrating radar. It sends radio waves into the ground. Waves bounce off things buried underground.
- Make a map. Use a lidar. It's a light radar. It uses light instead of radio waves. It shows things that can't be seen.
- Know where to look. Use a GPS. GPS stands for global positioning system. It helps you find locations.
- There are lots of storms in the Outer Banks. Learn about hurricane safety.
- Study early U.S. history.