Unsolved Mysteries

The story of the Lost Colony of Roanoke remains one of the great unsolved mysteries in American history. The only clue to the disappearance of the first English colony in the New World, was the word “Croatoan” carved into a post or tree. According to John White, the founder of the colony, there was no evidence of a struggle, a hurried exit, or of any sudden danger. These happenings would have been marked by the presence of a carved cross. In fact, he was said to have been comforted by the carving, as it suggested to him that the settlers had moved inland, possibly to integrate with the local Hatteras (Croatoan) native group, led by Manteo. While the above might be the best and most widely accepted theory concerning the fate of the colony, it is likely the world will never have a definitive answer.

Mysteries are not only a part of history, but also of everyday life. Mysteries also play a prominent role in entertainment. There are books, movies, board games, and video games based on mysteries. Today, many kids play the game Among Us, which can be considered a complex mystery game. In the spaces provided below, detail a mystery that has occurred in your own life and explain your theory on what happened. If you can’t think of an example from your life, detail one from history, current events, literature, movies, or video games.

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