Chapter 5 – The Struggle to Found Colonies
England: The Power House

- Can you think of some things you might do as the ruler of this great country in order to increase your power and influence around the world? What would they be?
  - Partner Turn & Talk:

England was in direct competition with Spain, Holland, and Portugal.
Money, Money, Money!

England created colonies in the Americas for a few reasons:

1. They wanted to use the colonies as a stopping point between other trade locations.
2. They wanted to “spread out” and control more parts of the world.
3. They wanted to use this new territory in order to get their hands on new natural resources.
4. They wanted new locations where they could create more trade.
Slaves to the Americas

Sugar, tobacco, and cotton to Europe

Textiles, rum and manufactured goods to Africa
It is important to remember that even though many explorers came from Europe to find wealth in the New World, there was a society already thriving in the Americas. – Can you think of who they could be?

• Yes, the Native Indians.

– How do you believe they felt when foreigners started arriving and settling on their land?
In 1584, Queen Elizabeth sent Sir Walter Raleigh to set up England’s first colony in North America.
Trouble from the Start

In less than one year, the colony failed.

The colonists did not know how to survive in their new environment.

Sir Francis Drake visited the colony in 1586 and found the colonists starving and took them back to England.

In July 1587, Raleigh sent a second group to settle Roanoke Island.
• Sir Walter Raleigh appointed John White to be the leader of the second group sent to Roanoke Island.
Three Years Later

After England defeated Spain, John White returned to Roanoke—only to find everyone was gone! All that remained were some torn books, maps ruined by rain, and weapons covered with rust. He found the letters CRO carvend on a nearby tree and the word CROATOAN carved on a wooden post.
The Lost Colony

• John White searched for the settlers he had left behind. He fired shots into the air, and even played music from a wooden flute.

• They searched but found nothing. They shouted but no one answered.

• Nothing was ever found of the people of Roanoke Island.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o99Y4Brq-GY&feature=related
Roanoke Island – Epic Failure

Student Partners Quick Write: