

# BIRTH OF A COLONY

## North Carolina

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Ms. Paula Coates  
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Dear Principal Coates:

The purpose of this letter is to explain the enclosed DVD and to give you background on why you are receiving it and how it can be used. In October UNC-TV premiered an extraordinary original production titled **Birth Of A Colony: North Carolina**. Richly produced in high definition, this documentary examines the state's earliest history with the arrival of European explorers and settlers and the eventual clash of cultures with the Native Americans who first dwelt upon the land. This production is a partnership project between UNC-TV, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, and Horizon Productions.

Painstakingly researched, **Birth Of A Colony: North Carolina** covers the state's history over a period from 1524 to 1713. The documentary features interviews with key historians, rare artifacts, archival images, and original footage shot on location in North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina.

From the project's beginning, **Birth Of A Colony: North Carolina** was envisioned as an educational resource to serve North Carolina educators and students for years to come. We are proud to present to your school the enclosed DVD of **Birth Of A Colony: North Carolina**.

Additional educational content is also available on a companion Web site at <http://www.unctv.org/birthofacolony/>. This Web site features searchable chapters, resources, and an educators guide to assist teachers and homeschoolers in the development of instructional material. The educators guide can also be found on the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources' Web site at <http://www.ncdcr.gov/education.asp>.

We are very proud of **Birth Of A Colony: North Carolina** and are providing DVD copies of the program to middle and high schools across the state. We hope you, your colleagues, and your students will benefit from having a copy of this outstanding documentary for use for years to come.

Sincerely,



Secretary Linda Carlisle  
N.C. Department of Cultural Resources



Tom Howe  
UNC-TV Director and General Manager



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