



Solve the Mystery of the Three Lead Coffins Gathering Clues

Archaeologists and historians need to gather lots of clues to figure out what happened long ago. As you read *The Mystery of the Three Lead Coffins*, you will need to gather your own clues to help them learn who was in the coffins.

Directions: Use clues from the story to fill in the Hidden Hints page below. If you find all the clues, you should know enough to solve the mystery!

Hidden Hints

The man must have died between the years _____ and _____.

The man's **religion** was _____.

Tests on the man's bones told forensic scientist and archaeologists he had probably been _____.

True or False (circle one) : The man did not work as hard as many of the other colonists.

True or False (circle one): The man was married.

True or False (circle one): Records from 17th century Maryland were very good. If the man had a child, there would definitely be a record of him or her.

(Circle one): If there was a child, it must have been a (BOY/GIRL).

The **order of death** was:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

The **man** died in the season of _____.

The **woman** died in the season of _____.

The **child** died in the season of _____.