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- America Before Columbus
  - The Peoples of the Pre-contact Americas
    - Migrations from Eurasia over Bering Strait
    - The “Clovis” People
    - Archaeologists and Population Diversity
    - The “Archaic” Period (8000 B.C.)
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How the Early North Americans Lived
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- America Before Columbus
  - The Growth of Civilizations: The South
  - Incas-Capital Cuzco
- Meso-America
  - Olmec Culture (1000 B.C.)
  - 1st Complex Society
  - Maya Culture (800 A.D.)
  - Mexica/Aztec Culture-1325
  - All Had Complex Political, Religious Cultural, and Agricultural Systems
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- America Before Columbus
  - The Civilizations of the North
    - Complex and Varied Civilizations
    - Mobile Societies

Iroquois Women (Library of Congress)
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- America Before Columbus
  - Tribal Cultures
    - Agricultural Revolution

Secotan Village, 1585
(Library of Congress)
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- Europe Looks Westward
  - Commerce and Nationalism
    - A Reawakening of Commerce
    - Most Europeans Unaware of the Americas
    - Significant Population Growth in 15th Century Europe
    - Centralized Nation-States
    - Portugal Preeminent Maritime Power
    - Prince Henry the Navigator
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Marco Polo leaves for the Far East (Bibliothèque Nationale de France)
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- Europe Looks Westward
  - Christopher Columbus
    - Columbus’s First Voyage-1492
    - Underestimated the Size of the Earth
    - Columbus Thought He Was Near China
  - Columbus’s Third Voyage-1498
    - Discovery of Orinoco River
    - Amerigo Vespucci-Florentine Merchant
  - Religious Motives for Exploration
  - Ferdinand Magellan (1519-1522)
    - Proves the World was Round
  - Vasco de Balboa-1513
    - Claimed the Pacific Ocean for Spain
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European Exploration and Conquest, 1492-1583
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- Europe Looks Westward
  - The Conquistadores
    - Hernando Cortés Conquers the Aztecs
    - Mexica Decimated by Smallpox
    - Fall of Tenochtitlan-1521
    - Brutality and Greed
  - Spanish America- Largest Empire in the World
    - Ordinances of Discovery
    - Gold and Silver Mines Extremely Lucrative
    - Catholic Missions-Forcibly Converted the Natives
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Spanish America
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Europe Looks Westward
- Northern Outposts
  - St. Augustine-1565
  - First Permanent Spanish Settlement in the U.S.
  - Juan de Onate-1598
  - Encomienda System
  - Labor and Tribute System Forced on Natives
  - Pueblo Revolt of 1680
  - Spanish Suppressed Native Rituals
  - Rebellion Led by Pope

Pueblo Ruins in New Mexico
(CORBIS / Royalty-Free)
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- Europe Looks Westward
- The Empire at High Tide
  - Spain’s Vast Empire
  - Rigid Royal Control
  - A Collision of Cultures

Mexico, California, and Florida, 1600
(Royalty-Free / CORBIS)
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De Soto in North America
(Rare Books Division, Library of Congress)
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- Europe Looks Westward
  - Biological and Cultural Exchanges
    - Increasing Levels of Exchange
    - Small Pox and other European Diseases
      - Decimate the Native Populations (90%)
    - Demographic Catastrophe
    - Deliberate Subjugation and Extermination
    - New Crops and Agricultural Techniques
    - The Columbian Exchange
    - A Complex Racial Hierarchy
    - Mestizos-Largest Segment of the Population
  - Mulattos and Zambos
  - Reasons for Intermarriage
  - Varied Labor Systems
The Columbian Exchange

AMERICAS TO EUROPE, AFRICA, AND ASIA

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND ASIA TO AMERICAS

- Peanuts
- Potatoes
- Tomatoes
- Corn
- Turkeys
- Squash
- Carrots
- Cacao
- Vanilla
- Tobacco
- Peppers
- Citrus Fruits
- Grapes
- Bananas
- Sugar Cane
- Honeybees
- Livestock
- Cattle
- Sheep
- Pigs
- Horses
- Grains
- Wheat
- Rice
- Barley
- Oats
- Peaches, Pears
- Onions
- Olives
- Coffee Beans
- Turnips
- Disease
- Smallpox
- Influenza
- Typhus
- Measles
- Malaria
- Diphtheria
- Whooping Cough
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- **Europe Looks Westward**
  - **Africa and America**
    - Ghana and Mali
    - Benin, Congo, and Songhay
    - Matrilineal Societies
    - Growth of the African Slave Trade
    - Portuguese Lead the Slave Trade

1633 Map of Atlantic (Royalty-Free/CORBIS)
Portuguese Exploration Around Africa

- Voyages:
  - Gil Eanes, 1434
  - Bartholomeu Dias, 1488
  - Vasco da Gama, 1497-1499

Key:
- Kingdom of Ghana, about AD 1000
- Mali Empire, about 1300
- Songhai, about 1500
- Current political borders

Map showing the regions and voyages of Portuguese exploration around Africa.
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- The Arrival of the English
  - John Cabot
- The Commercial Incentive
  - The Enclosure Movement
  - Population Increasing in Europe
  - Available European Farmland Declining
  - Incentives for Colonization
  - Chartered Companies
  - Mercantilism
  - Richard Hakluyt’s Argument for Colonies
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- The Arrival of the English
  - The Religious Incentive
    - Doctrine of Predestination
    - Martin Luther and John Calvin
  - The English Reformation
  - Dispute Between Henry VIII and Catholic Church
  - Puritan Separatists
  - Puritan Discontent

John Calvin  (Portrait Gallery)

Martin Luther

King Henry VIII  Anne Bolyn
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The Arrival of the English

- The English in Ireland
  - Subjugation of Ireland
- The Plantation Model
- Rigid Separation Between the English and the Native people
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  - The French and the Dutch in America
    - Coureurs de Bois
    - Fur Trade
    - Intermarriage
    - Henry Hudson
    - New Amsterdam-1624

A French Map of North America, 1656 (Royalty-Free/CORBIS)
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- The Arrival of the English
  - The First English Settlements
    - The Spanish Armada-1588
    - Defeat of Spain Opened Sea Routes to England
    - Gilbert’s Expedition to Newfoundland

A Galleon in Flames
(The Palma Collection / Getty Images)
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The Arrival of the English

- Roanoke
  - The First Roanoke Colony-1587
  - Establishment of Virginia
  - New Colonial Charters
  - Jamestown-1607
  - First Permanent English Settlement

Queen Elizabeth I “Virgin Queen”
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America in the World:  

The Atlantic Context of Early American History

1587 Map of the Americas  
(Fototeca Storica Nazionale / Getty Images)
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Where Historians Disagree:

Why Do Historians So Often Differ?
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Where Historians Disagree:

The American Population Before Columbus

The Mayan Pyramid of Kukulkan
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