Essential Question

What events from world history led to the settling of America?

Why You Should Care

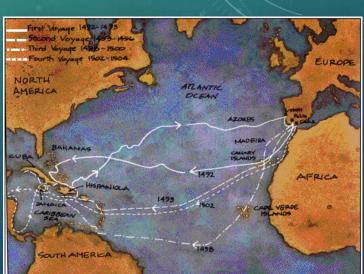
This nation (where you live) had to start somewhere. Imagine watching a movie without watching the first 20 minutes. It wouldn't make sense!



STEP 1: THE DISCOVERY

COLUMBUS

- Columbus' voyage in 1492 marked the European discovery of America.
- He went partly to spread Catholicism...
- But mostly to find resources like spices.
- Instead found gold (and plenty of other shiny things) that greatly interested the Europeans.







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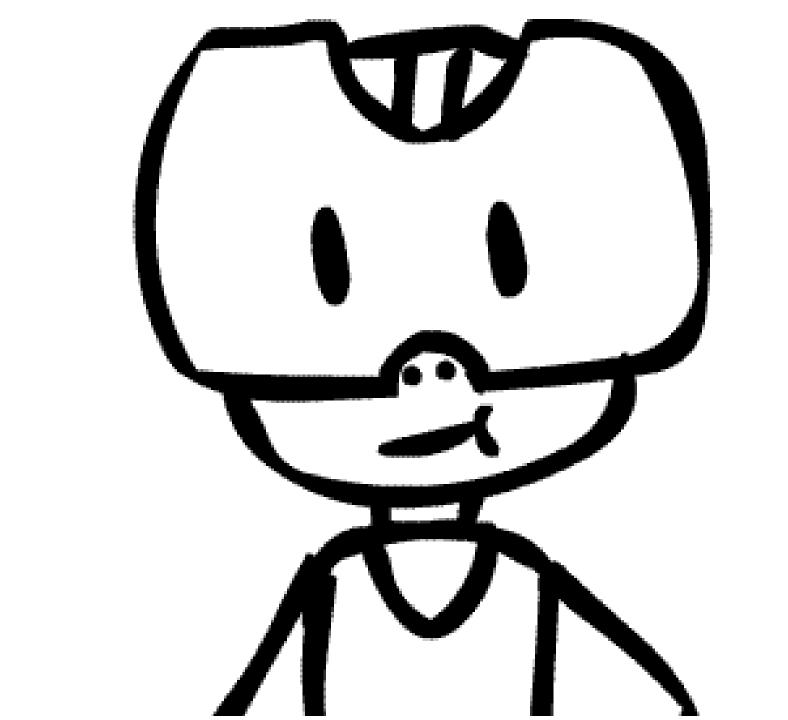






Solve England's problem!

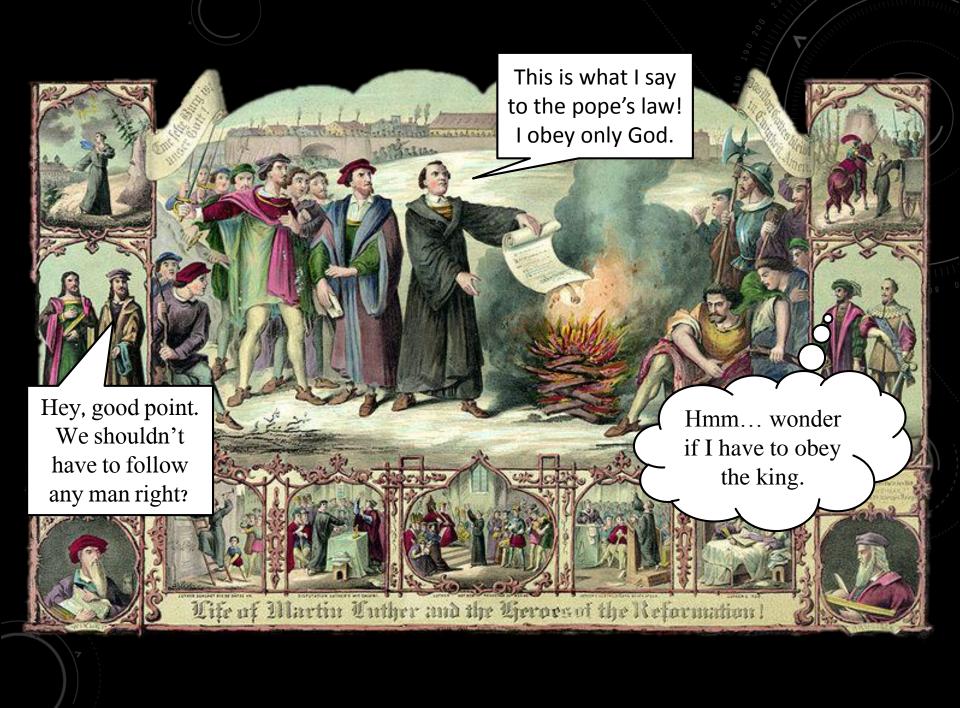




ENGLAND VS. SPAIN

- Spain claimed the entire "New World" since they landed there first.
- The riches they gained allowed them to become even stronger and gain even more richer and become even stronger and gain more riches and... well you get it.
- So, England (and Holland) explored and settled further north where the Spanish influence (and navy) wasn't so strong.

STEP 2: THE IDEAS





"To understand political power aright, and derive it from its original, we must consider what estate all men are naturally in, and that is, a state of perfect freedom..."

-John Locke

"In the state of nature all men are born in equal, but it can not continue. The Society makes them lose this, and they recover it only by the laws." -Montesquieu





"To renounce liberty is to renounce being a man, to surrender the rights of humanity and even its duties."
-Rousseau

"The right of nature... is the liberty each man hath to use his own power, as he will himself, for the preservation of his own nature; that is to say, of his own life."

— Thomas Hobbes

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Liberty

Define (v) provide a definition for...

REFORMATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

- The Reformation gave people the idea that no man is above another in relation to God.
- This led to the idea that the same was true in government (since government is from God.)
- Thinkers like Locke and Hobbes began to write and discuss the basic ideas of liberty that eventually became the ideals of America.

STEP 3: THE SETTLERS

ROANOKE AND JAMESTOWN

- These settlers came mostly for economic reasons (like promises of gold).
- Most did not expect to have to work. They would just show up, find some gold sitting around and be rich.
- Instead, the work was intense, food was scarce, danger was high and an incredible number of them died.

ROANOKE AND JAMESTOWN

"There were never Englishmen left in a foreign country in such misery... Our food was but a small can of barley, sod in water, for five men a day... our men night and day groaning in every corner of the fort most pitiful to hear... some departing out of the world, many times three or four in a night; in the morning their bodies trailed out of their cabins like dogs to be buried."

Captain George Percy

• Later went through "the starving time" where 440 of the 500 settlers died.

Powhatan

Not historical





"We shall be as a city upon a hill, the eyes of all people are upon us."
-John Winthrop

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."
-Jesus

PILGRIMS AND PURITANS

- These settlers came mostly for religious reasons (they were not welcome in England.)
- They expected to work and brought along entire families with them with plans to stay for good.
- Still, the work was intense, food was scarce, danger was high and an incredible number of them died.



- Despite the rough start the settlements began to grow.
- America provided land, resources and freedom unlike anywhere in Europe.
- The King saw value in these colonies and soon sponsored even more.
- Before too long there were 13 colonies and a truly new world.