

CHRONOLOGY

1000	Norse settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows	1534	Jacques Cartier first explores the St. Lawrence River
1347–53	Black Death in Europe	1539–40	Hernán de Soto and Francisco Vázquez de Coronado expeditions
1381	English Peasants' Revolt	1550	Tobacco introduced to Europe
1488	Bartolomeu Dias sails around the African continent	1552	Bartolomé de Las Casas's Destruction of the Indies published
1492	Christopher Columbus first arrives in the Caribbean	1558	Elizabeth I of England begins her reign
1494	Treaty of Tordesillas	1562	Huguenot colony planted along the mid-Atlantic coast
1497	John Cabot explores Newfoundland	1565	St. Augustine founded
1500	High point of the Renaissance	1572	St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in France
1508	Spanish invade Puerto Rico	1583	Humphrey Gilbert attempts to plant a colony in Newfoundland
1513	Juan Ponce de León lands in Florida	1584–87	Walter Raleigh's colony on Roanoke Island
1514	Bartolomé de las Casas begins preaching against the conquest	1588	English defeat the Spanish Armada
1516	Smallpox introduced to the New World	1590	John White returns to find Roanoke colony abandoned
1517	Martin Luther breaks with the Roman Catholic Church		
1519	Hernán Cortés lands in Mexico		