America - Beginning of Time to 1800

- 14,000 years ago Bering Land Bridge
- 1492 Christopher Columbus accidentally discovers America
- Gold and Silver
 - o Spanish colonize
 - Columbian Exchange
 - American Indians War, Disease, Slavery (econmienda)
- English and French go to North America
 - Northwest Passage (fail)
 - Looking for gold and silver (fail)
- English set up along the coast
 - Jamestown (1607)
 - o Roanoke Island (fail)
 - Plymouth, Massachusetts
- French live in the interior work with Indians
- 1600-1700
 - establishing colonies to make money for the British
 - mercantilism exporting/importing
 - Slaves arrive in 1619
 - Century of war with Indians
- 1754 French and Indian War
 - British (w/American colonists) vs. French (w/Indians)
 - winner gets control of North America British
 - British War Debt
 - Ask the US colonists to help pay for war via taxes
 - Colonists = NO!
- No Taxation without Representation!
 - Colonists want:
 - Representation in Gov't
 - Fair Trials
 - Privacy Rights
 - Economic Freedom
- US and British go back and forth
 - Tax laws vs. Boycotts, etc.
 - War breaks out Lexington and Concord
 - Declaration of Independence
 - US is an underdog, but wins
 - Spying
 - o Guerilla Warfare
 - o Home Game
- US is Free, but the country is falling apart
 - Articles of Confederation is too weak
 - No President
 - No Taxes
 - No way to enforce laws
 - No common currency
 - Shays Rebellion rioting in the streets and the gov't just watches
 - Need a NEW government
- US Constitution
 - Strong Central Government
 - Federalism
 - Separation of Powers
 - Limited Government (checks and balances)
 - Republicanism
 - Popular Sovereignty ("we the people")
 - Individual Rights (Bill of Rights 1st 10 amendments)



















