

## Dates and Events of US History from Prehistory to 2015

- 7000 BC      Agriculture developed in Mexico and Andes
- 900-1150 CE   [Chaco Canyon](#) as major cultural center for Ancestral Puebloans
- 900-1200 CE   [Hopi](#) and [Zuni](#) Tribes build planned towns
- 1200            [Cahokia](#) city-empire along the Mississippi River
- Apache/Dine migrate down from Northern North America
- 1400s          [Iroquois League](#) established
- 1434            Portuguese explore sub-Saharan African coast
- 1487            Bartolomeu Dias reaches the Cape of Good Hope
- 1492            Reconquista of Spain
- [Columbus' first voyage](#) to the Americas, makes landfall in the Caribbean, meets Taino Indians
- 1494            [Treaty of Tordesillas](#) dividing Americas between Spain and Portugal
- 1498            Vasco da Gama sails to the Indian Ocean
- 1500            Pedro Cabral claims Brazil for Portugal
- 1500s          Early Chinese migrations to Mexico
- 1502            First African slaves transported to Caribbean Islands
- 1511            First Spanish settlements founded on Cuba
- 1513            [Ponce de Leon](#) in Florida
- 1516            Smallpox in Hispaniola on ship from Spain, later with Cortes in Mexico
- 1517            Martin Luther's 95 theses
- 1519            Hernan Cortes arrives in Mexico from Cuba