

Timetable**History 15A
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c. 33,000 – 8000 BC	First humans come to Americas from land bridge connecting Asia and Alaska.
c. 5000 BC	Corn is developed as a stable crop in highland Mexico.
c. 4000 BC	First civilized societies develop in the Middle East.
c. 1200 BC	Corn planting reaches present-day American Southwest.
c. 1000 AD	Norse voyagers discover and briefly settle in Newfoundland (Vinland). Also, corn cultivation reaches Midwest and southeaster Atlantic seaboard.
c. 1100 AD	Height of Mississippian settlement at Cahokia
c. 1100 – 1300	Christian crusades arouse European interest in the East.
1295	Marco Polo returns to Europe from Asia.
Late 1400s	Spain unites.
1488	Díaz rounds the southern tip of Africa.
1492	Columbus land in the Bahamas.
1494	Treaty of Tordesillas between Spain and Portugal.
1498	da Gama reaches India. Cabot explores northeastern coast of North America for England.
1513	Balboa claims all lands touched by the Pacific Ocean for Spain.
1513 & 1521	Ponce de León explores Florida.
1519 – 1521	Cortés conquers Mexico for Spain, defeating the Aztecs.
1522	Magellan's crew completes circumnavigation of the world.
1524	Verrazano explores eastern seaboard of North America for France.
1532	Pizarro crushes the Incas.
1534	Cartier journeys up the St. Lawrence River.
1539 – 1542	de Soto explores the Southeast and discovers the Mississippi River.
1540 – 1542	Coronado explores present-day Southwest
1542	Cabrillo explores California coast for Spain.
1565	Spanish build fortress at St. Augustine.
Late 1500s	Iroquois Confederacy founded (according to Iroquois legend)
c. 1598 – 1609	Spanish under Oñate conquer Pueblo peoples of Rio Grande Valley.
1609	Spanish found New Mexico.
1680	Popé's rebellion of New Mexico.
1680s	French expedition down Mississippi River under La Salle
1769	Father Junipero Serra founds Mission San Diego, in California.