

Colonization of America

The colonization of America began in the early 1500s. It began when the Spanish, the French, and the Dutch and the English began to go on exploring expeditions and settle into the region, which is now known as the United States. The Spanish were the first to establish permanent settlements in what was then referred to as The New World.

Colonies were established in what are now Mexico, Florida, and the areas in the Caribbean. The French also began to establish colonies in what are now known as Canada and Louisiana. The Dutch established colonies in what are now known as New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. The English were the last to colonize America. They established colonies along the eastern coast in where Massachusetts, Virginia, and the Carolinas are located now. All of these new colonies grew and prospered over time, however, the British eventually gained control of the entire mainland of America. The colonization of America had a major impact on the region. The Europeans brought with them their own culture, religion, language, and rules and laws. This brought drastic changes and changed the way of life for the Native Americans. The Europeans also introduced a new economic system, which changed the power between the colonizers and the colonized. In addition, the Europeans also brought new diseases that decimated the native population, leading to the displacement of many native tribes. The process of colonization also led to the transatlantic slave trade, where millions of Africans were brought against their will to work as slaves on plantations. The colonial period lasted until the late 18th century when several of the American colonies declared their independence and formed the United States of America.

1. Read the passage about the colonization of America.
2. Underline each word or sentence you don't understand.
3. Answer the questions.

Answer according to the reading passage:

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