

## When Does American History Begin?

1. What year(s) does American history begin?

Approximately 20,000 BC: People first migrate from Asia across the Bering land bridge.

985-1000 AD: Vikings from Scandinavia explore the western North Atlantic.

1492 AD: The first voyage of Christopher Columbus.

1565 AD: Spanish settlement is established at St. Augustine in Florida.

1607 AD: The first permanent British settlement at Jamestown, Virginia.

1619 AD: The first enslaved Africans are brought to Jamestown.

1620 AD: Pilgrims arrive in what will become Massachusetts.

1776-1783 AD: Declaration of Independence followed by a successful war for separation.

1787-1789 AD: The Constitution is written and a new government is formed.

1861-1865 AD: The U.S. Civil War.

Another date/event \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do you select this event?