In the beginning....

It's a story of us

VIKINGS RULE

- Very good sailors who dared to venture away from the sight of land using stars to navigate
- Leif Ericson traveled from Greenland to present-day Newfoundland Canada after being banished around 1000AD
- Called the new land "Vinland" after the many grape vines there
- The Viking settlements existed in the Americas until the very late 1400s (just before Columbus came here)



"Land Ho"





Christopher Columbus convinces Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to finance an expedition to find a westward route to India instead of taking the rival Portuguese route around Africa

In 1492, he took the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria

After over 2 months at sea, he landed on a Caribbean island which he mistook for the West Indies

The World is Split in Two

- Portugal and Spain argue over land claims in the New World
- Pope Alexander VI settles the dispute with the Treaty of Tordesillas
- The dividing line is called the "Line of Demarcation"
- Both will enslave natives
- The resulting enslavement and exposure to disease will result in the death of tens of millions of natives



European Exploration of the Americas 1500-1550



- Hired Henry Hudson to explore the New World
- Established a colony centered around present day New York called New Netherlands
- Established good relations with their trade by treating their suppliers as partners









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Nieuw Amsterdam

- The Dutch bought the island of Manhattan from the natives for trade goods worth about \$1000 in today's money in 1624
- *They established a farming and trading settlement* on the lower tip called New Amsterdam
- This extended up to modern day Wall Street (near where the World Trade Towers once stood)
- The English would seize New Amsterdam in a war in 1664





C'est Francais

WESTERN

A MAP of

OCEAN

France to Monsteur Crozat 14th of Sep. 1712 N. S. and regin the Parliament of Paris the 24 ame Month.

- Jacques Cartier sailed up the St. Lawrence looking for the Northwest Passage in 1534
- Samuel de Champlain also searched the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes area in 1609.



Nouvelle-France

 The French established trading settlements and forts (Forts Niagara & Ticonderoga) along the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes to trade with the natives



First Peoples



Naive Natives

- At first natives welcomed the new settlers but as they took over the lands many came to resent their presence
- Wars broke out with the English, Dutch, and Spanish colonials
- Between warfare and the introduction of diseases, many tribes were decimated and some completely wiped out

European Settlements in the Americas 1650

