marked the beginning of the **Contact Period** (Europe sustained contact with the Americas and introduced a widespread exchange of plants, animals, food, disease, and ideas - **Columbian Exchange**)

- established **colonies** - a territory settled and controlled by a foreign power

- Norse arrived in Canada around 1000

- **conquistadors** - Spanish settlers

- **encomiendas**
  - enslaved Native Americans
  - grants to settlers that gave authority over Native Americans

- **Spanish Armada** - navy

- **smallpox** - disease carried by the European settlers from which many Native Americans died from

- Spanish were defeated by the English in 1588

- The English Arrive

- **Sir Walter Raleigh**
  - settled Roanoke island in 1587
  - became known as the **Lost Colony** in 1590

- **Jamestown**
  - funded by a **joint-stock company**
    - a group of investors who bought the right to establish New World plantations from the king
  - called the **VA Company of London**