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## Era 1: Three Worlds Meet (Beginnings to 1620)

<p>The study of American history properly begins with the first peopling of the Americas more than 30,000 years ago. Students will learn about the spread of ancient human societies in the Americas, North and South, and their adaptations to diverse physical and natural environments. This prepares students to address the historical convergence of European, African, and Native American people starting in the late 15th century when the Columbian voyages began. In studying the beginnings of North American history, it is important for students to understand that Indian societies, like peoples in other parts of the world, were experiencing change--political, economic, cultural--on the eve of the arrival of Europeans. The history of the Native Americans was complex, and it was continuing even as European settlers landed on South and North American shores.</p>	
	<p><b>Standard 1: Comparative characteristics of societies in the Americas, Western Europe, and Western Africa that increasingly interacted after 1450</b></p>
	<p><b>Standard 1A:</b> The student understands the patterns of change in indigenous societies in the Americas up to the Columbian voyages.</p>
	<p><b>Standard 1B:</b> The student understands changes in Western European societies in the age of exploration.</p>
	<p><b>Standard 1C:</b> The student understands developments in Western African societies in the period of early contact with Europeans.</p>
	<p><b>Standard 1D:</b> The student understands the differences and similarities among Africans, Europeans, and Native Americans who converged in the western hemisphere after 1492.</p>
	<p><b>Standard 2: How early European exploration and colonization resulted in cultural and ecological interactions among previously unconnected peoples</b></p>
	<p><b>Standard 2A:</b> The student understands the stages of European oceanic and overland exploration, amid international rivalries, from the 9th to 17th centuries.</p>
	<p><b>Standard 2B:</b> The student understands the Spanish and Portuguese conquest of the Americas.</p>

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