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# History

The history of the United States is a long and varied one, beginning with the first settlers in the early 17th century. The country was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492, but it was not until the late 16th and early 17th centuries that permanent European settlements were established. The Pilgrims arrived in 1620, and the Jamestown colony was founded in 1607. The American Revolution broke out in 1775, and the United States declared its independence in 1776. The war ended in 1781 with the British surrender at Yorktown. The new nation was governed by the Articles of Confederation until 1789, when the Constitution was adopted. The country has since grown from a small colony to a major world power, with a rich and diverse culture. The American dream of freedom and opportunity has inspired people around the world.