

## How Imperial Spain Influenced the U.S.

- 1513 Juan Ponce de León leaves Puerto Rico with 200 men and explores Florida, which he names "Pascua Florida."
- 1526 San Miguel de Gualdape is established (Sapelo Island, Georgia) by Lucas Vázquez Ayllón. With Ayllón are more than 500 men, some women and African slaves, and three Dominican friars. One of these friars is the great Antonio Montesinos. This is the first European settlement in US territory.
- 1528-1536 Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca travels from Florida to Arizona.
- 1539 Hernando de Soto expedition begins in Florida.
- 1540 The Francisco Vázquez de Coronado expedition (335 Spaniards including 4 Franciscan friars) begins. Eventually, Coronado will travel through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.
- 1542 Hernando de Soto travels through Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1542 Juan de Padilla (traveling with Coronado) dies in Kansas.
- 1559 Tristán de Luna y Arellano establishes Puerto de Santa María (near modern Pensacola).
- 1565 St. Augustine is founded by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés.
- 1566 Martín de Argüelles is born in St. Augustine. He is the first European (on record) born in US territory.
- 1586 St. Augustine is attacked and burned by Sir Francis Drake.
- 1607 The British found a settlement at Jamestown, Virginia.
- 1610 Santa Fe becomes the administrative center of the Spanish province.
- 1620 The Mayflower arrives (Provincetown Harbor, Cape Cod).
- 1642 Virginia outlaws priests and disenfranchises Catholics.
- 1647 Massachusetts Bay Colony enacts an anti-priest law.
- 1649 Maryland's general assembly passes an act of religious toleration.
- 1654 The Puritan regime repeals the act of religious toleration in Maryland.
- 1687 Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. inaugurates the missions of Arizona.
- 1718 San Antonio de Valero mission is founded.
- 1718 The Catholics in Maryland are disenfranchised.
- 1732 George Washington is born.
- 1755 The Jesuits are banished from Louisiana.
- 1763 Treaty of Paris ends French and Indian War and gives Florida to England.
- 1769 Junípero Serra, O.F.M. founds the first of the 21 California missions.
- 1777 New York's constitutional convention bars Catholics from office through an oath forswearing all foreign powers, "ecclesiastical as well as civil."
- 1777 Bernardo Gálvez is named Governor of Louisiana.
- 1779 Spain declares war on Great Britain.
- 1779 Gálvez leads Spanish forces to victories at Baton Rouge and Natchez.
- 1780 Gálvez captures Mobile from British.
- 1781 Gálvez defeats British at Pensacola.
- 1783 Gálvez helps draft the terms of the Treaty of Paris.
- 1783 Spain takes control of East and West Florida from British.

