

A FEW LANDMARKS

- **1492** : Christopher Colombus landed in the Bahamas
- **1585** : Sir walter Raleigh landed in America. He called the land he found Virginia (after the virgin queen)
- **1607** : Jamestown was found
- **1920** : the pilgrin fathers crossed the Atlantic to left the religous persecutions. They wanted to purify protestantism. That's why they were called Puritans. One in america, they were intolerant about religion.
- **1607 - 1650** : lots of Puritans, most of them English, settled in America. The expanding colonies got more and more prosperous
- **1775** : 2,5 million people lived in the 13 colonies ruled by England which they resented mor and more they resented being ruled by England
- **1776** : 4th July : Declaration of Independance. The United States was born. In 1777, it had a flag with 13 stripes and 13 stars (one for each states)
- **1789** : Georges Washington was inaugurated the first American president.
- **1789 - 1897** : the frontier years (the expansion west wand) some territories were purchased (Louisiana from France) Other were gained though wars (New Mexico) the discovery of gold in California drew many settlers toward the West Coast. Roads, canals, railways were built and this provoque the disappearance of the natives : the Indians
- **1963** : Martin luther King delivered his famous speech ; Kennedy was assassinated
- **1964** : the Civil Rights Act was voted By Lyndon B. Johnson
- **1965** : The Voting Rights Act was voted
- **1970 - 1980** : efforts were made to designate and fight against poverty. Blacks mayors were elected in Chicago, Detroit... affirmative action
- **1990** : tendancy towards resegregation
- **2008** : things may really change

