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1607

The first group of white Europeans successfully settle in what they would declare the United States of America, encountering the Powhatan Confederacy and later the Wampanoag. Because the land is already home to a large indigenous population, white colonists wage a campaign of war, genocide, forced removal, and targeted disease against the native people. White settlers, primarily of British, German, and Dutch heritage establish themselves on the stolen land, and because of the high mortality rate and harsh conditions of the colonies, find it difficult to attract and retain laborers. The settlers engage in the transatlantic slave trade, a practice frequent since the 1560s, and twenty African slaves arrive in the colonies in 1619.

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1776

White settlers declare themselves official owners of the land and establish patterns of mass immigration from European countries. Slavery remains a legal institution in all thirteen of the newly established states and the enslavement of Africans and African Americans continues. Later, white settlers embrace the ideology of Manifest Destiny, declaring that the US was destined by God to spread democracy and capitalism across the continent. White settlers move west, murdering and further displacing indigenous communities.

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1882

Congress passes the Chinese Exclusion Act. It severely curtails the number of immigrants of Chinese descent who are allowed to enter the United States. The act is a targeted attempt by white politicians and laborers who resent Chinese immigrants for "taking their jobs," ignoring that many Chinese workers themselves are exploited by the cheap labor practices of the gold rush and transcontinental railroad.

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1924

The largest immigration wave occurs between 1830 and 1940, bringing roughly 40 million people to the United States, the vast majority of whom are unskilled workers who cannot speak English. Prior to the Immigration Act of 1924, aside from the Chinese Exclusion Act, there are no federal laws regarding immigration. When a person sets foot into the USA, they are legal. Passports and visas are not required. Green Cards do not have a visible disability, does not have a visible disability, has a small amount of money, and can pass a simple IQ test in their native language, they are admitted to the United States.

The Immigration Act of 1924 set quotas for who is allowed to enter, and is an attempt to restrict the immigration of mostly Jewish and Catholic Southern and Eastern Europeans, who at the time are considered undesirable. After 1924, if a person is unable to get a visa because the country's quota is filled, many come without documents. There are so many undocumented immigrants that in 1929 the federal government implements the Registry Act, which allows them to register as permanent residents for \$20 if they can prove they have lived in the country since 1921 and are of "good moral character." *It's estimated that over 200,000 European immigrants are given citizenship after entering the United States illegally.*

The United States imposes a travel ban, targeted toward countries with large Muslim populations, which leads to chaos at airports as people who have the legal right to enter the US are turned away. After decades of backing coups, actively pillaging and intentionally destabilizing other countries, the United States institutes a "Zero Tolerance Policy" and begins detaining those seeking asylum at the border. It's estimated that 2,300 children are separated from their parents. Many of the children are detained in cages, prompting the United Nation to state that any detainment of children, even with their parents, "may amount to torture."

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