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1.1 | Prologue

- Usually conquest of America is viewed from a Western (Eurocentric) perspective, but we should look at it also from a Native American perspective
- This isn't easy because Native Americans didn't really write stuff down
- Text will look at how we might actually do this

1.2 | Ch 2

- European settlement didn't seem so significant in the 16th and early 17th century
 - Rivalries between tribes, etc. seemed more important
- Consequences of European settlement
 - Environmental changes that were bad for Indians
 - Cultural changes
 - Spreading of microbes
- Pattern of settlements
 - Spanish settlement in southeast (e.g. Florida)
 - Basque, French, English fishing from Newfoundland to Cape Cod
 - Some made semi-permanent camps which acted as trading camps
 - English in Chesapeake Bay, settled Jamestown 1607
 - French build Quebec in Stadacona 1608
 - Henry Hudson explores Hudson river 1609
 - Large European companies start settling in areas
- European settlements lead to importing of European objects
 - Trading system created
 - Some European manufacturers made items for Indians or took Indian items and made them into European objects
 - Raw materials were important; metal items were valued by what they were made from rather than function
 - Indians only started using European goods as they were intended after large colonies were settled
 - European goods were valuable to Indians as well as European settlers and improved quality of life
 - Some Indian culture shaped itself around European objects / absorbed European culture
 - Weapons were much better
 - Ofc guns were cool
 - Metal blades had much greater impact initially
 - Arms race among Indian tribes
 - Stabilized after enough European colony settlements (200 years)
 - Guns sought after after arms race stabilization
 - Policies in place to prevent trade to Indians, but trade happened anyways because of economic incentive
- Beaver hunting and traps
 - Beaver pelts were very, **very** important
 - Beaver hunting reshaped political power
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