Thematic Timelines: Migrations

Period 1: 1200 CE - 1450 CE

Period 1 – Post-Classical Era – 1200 CE - 1450 CE

- **Bantu-speaking Migrations** (1000s CE) from West Africa to East and South Africa spread iron and agriculture tech., developing into the Swahili-speaking regions and city-states of East Africa
- The **Polynesian Migration** (1000 CE 1400 CE) from Taiwan, to the Philippines, to the Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand, and Madagascar spread Polynesian language, culture, animals, and agriculture
- The Arab Migration (600-750 CE) brought Islam, Arabs, Arab culture, and Arabic language to Mesopotamia, North Africa, and Islam to Persia
- The Turkic Migration and conquest from central Asia spread Turkic language, culture, and Islam into Central Asia, Mesopotamia, Persia, and Anatolia (modern-day Turkey)
- Muslim merchants spread Islam and Arab / Persia culture throughout the Indian Ocean Trade Network, establishing diasporic communities that built mosques and spread Islam to South East Asia and East Africa
- Chinese merchant communities migrated and formed diasporic communities in South East Asia, such as Singapore
- Jewish merchants setup diasporic communities in the Indian Ocean, East Mediterranean, and Silk Road

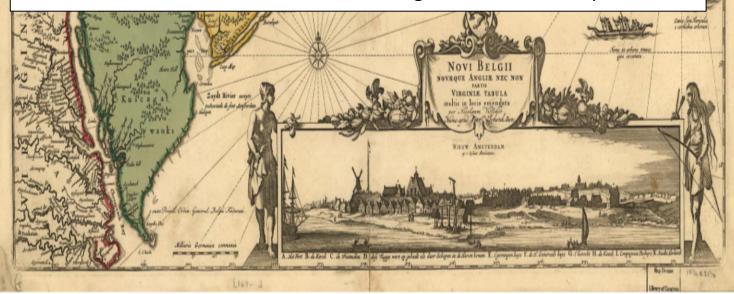


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Period 2 - Early Modern Era - 1450 CE - 1750 CE

- Portuguese setup trade-post empire settlements in West Africa and the Indian Ocean, and a colony in Brazil
- Spanish setup conquest-based colonies and settlements through South America (modern-day Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Columbia, Mesoamerica, and the Southwest future US)
- British settled colonies in North America—13 colonies, Canada, India, and some in the Caribbean
- French settled colonies in North America—Louisiana, Canada, India, and some in the Caribbean
- Dutch settled colonies in South Africa, North America, the Caribbean, South America, and Indonesia
- Russian expansion east into Asia was enabled by the migration of Russian frontier peasant settlements
- Enclosure movement and urbanization begins in Western Europe



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Period 3 - Period 4

Period 3 – Modern Era – 1750 CE – 1900 CE

- British established settler colonies in South Africa, replacing the Dutch in the Boer Wars
- French began settling Algeria as an annexed extension of France in the mid
 19th century
- Manifest destiny spread European-American settlers west across the modern US at the expense of Native Americans and Mexicans
- Russia settlers had a similar development spreading east at the expense of central and east Asian peoples
- New steamboats allow millions of Europeans immigrate to the Americas (Lebanese to the US, Irish to the US, Italians to Argentina) and Japanese throughout the Pacific
- Mass migration to cities begins in the West during the 19th century / Industrial Revolution
- Many migrants were male due to the tendency of physical labor: Chinese in SE Asia, the Caribbean, North and South America; Indians in South Africa, East Africa, the Caribbean, and SE Asia

Period 4 – Contemporary Era – 1900 CE - Present

- Many former colonies migrated for work and education to their former mother countries (Algerians to France, Indians to the UK, and Filipinos to the US)
- Ashkenazi Jews migrated to and established the state of Israel with the help of the UK and UN