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 The first discovery of the continent was made by Christopher Columbus in 1492. He sailed from Spain and landed in the West Indies. He discovered the Americas and named them after himself. He was the first European to reach the Americas. He was followed by other explorers such as Amerigo Vesputi, John Cabot, and Vasco da Gama. They all discovered new lands and opened up trade routes. The discovery of the Americas led to the colonization of the continent. The first permanent European settlement was established in 1493 by Christopher Columbus. It was named San Salvador. Other settlements followed, including St. Augustine in 1565 and Jamestown in 1607. The colonies grew and developed over time. They became more independent and sought greater self-governance. This led to the American Revolution and the founding of the United States in 1776.

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