

Key knowledge

- **Native American** people lived in a range of different types of houses, that were based on the climate of where their tribe lived. Some examples include **tipi, wigwam and long house**.
- **Christopher Columbus** was an explorer from Spain, who discovered America when landing in the Bahamas in **1492**. He was trying to find a route to Asia for valuable spices and gold.
- **The Mayflower** was a ship that carried a group of people called the Pilgrims from Plymouth, England to America in 1620. They were looking for a new place to live where they could have religious freedom. The journey across the ocean took about two months and caused many to die or become very unwell.
- The Pilgrims' story is remembered every year at **Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November**, celebrating how the Native American people had taught the pilgrims to grow crops and harvest them.
- **The Declaration of Independence was written in 1776**. It was written because the American colonies wanted to become independent from British rule, unhappy with how King George was treating them, including imposing taxes without representation and limiting their freedoms.
- The Civil War lasted from 1861 - 1865. It took place between the Northern and Southern states of America. They disagreed about slavery and whether it should be allowed
- Abraham Lincoln was responsible for the abolition of slavery in 1863 declaring all people free.

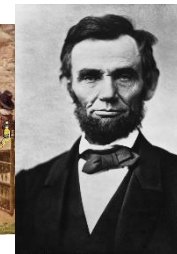
Prior Learning

- Use a range of resources to identify the key physical and human features of North America, including major countries (like the United States, Canada, and Mexico), regions, and physical features (like rivers, mountains, and lakes).
- Previous historical work on timelines, being able to place historical events in chronological order.

Key Skills

- Describe the characteristic features of some key periods in North American History, including the ideas and beliefs of Native American people (or the indigenous people of North America)
- Begin to offer explanations about why people in the past acted the way that they did.
- Use original ways to present information and ideas.

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Key Questions

- Who discovered the Americas?
- Who lived in America?
- Who were the Native Americans?
- Why do Americans celebrate Thanksgiving?
- Which boat did the first pilgrims travel on =
- What was the Civil War?
- Who abolished slavery and why?
- Who wrote the declaration of independence and why?
- Who was Abraham Lincoln?

Vocabulary

- **Native American** – a term used to describe the indigenous people who lived in America before anyone else came from other countries. They have their own unique cultures, languages, and traditions and live in tribes.
- **Wigwam** - one type of house that some Native American tribes used to live in. It's made from wooden poles and covered with bark or mats.
- **Tipi** (also spelled "tepee") - shaped like a cone and made with long wooden poles covered with animal skins or cloth. Tipis can be taken down and moved easily.
- **Declaration** - a big announcement where you tell everyone something important.
- **Independence** – the notion of being free and not controlled by anyone else.

Other key vocabulary to learn:

- Christopher Columbus
- Americas
- Pilgrims
- The Mayflower
- Native Americans
- Colonies
- Civil War
- Slaves
- Abraham Lincoln
- Thanksgiving