

## **Illustrated Timeline- Beginnings**

*Directions: Choose 15 out of the 20 events to illustrate on your illustrated timeline.*

**Late 1400's- European explorers in West Africa trade guns and other goods for slaves captured by African traders.**

**1492- Columbus discovers a series of Islands in the Caribbean Sea.**

**1502- Christopher Columbus brings the first African slave to the New World.**

**1519- Hernan Cortes conquers Mexico**

**1534- Jacques Cartier claims Canada for France.**

**1540- Francisco Vasquez de Coronado explores the area that is now Texas, New Mexico, and the Southwest.**

**1565- St. Augustine, Florida becomes the oldest permanent settlement established by the Europeans in the United States.**

**1585-1587- Sir Walter Raleigh establishes a settlement on Roanoke Island, North Carolina. The colonists vanish without a trace.**

**1598- Spanish missionaries bring 400 settlers and 7,000 animals from Mexico into New Mexico. They attempt to convert the local natives to Christianity.**

**1607- Jamestown is founded in Virginia by a group of merchants from the London Company.**

**1616- Pocahontas, her husband John Rolfe, and son Thomas visit England. Her portrait is painted.**

**1619- the first African slaves are brought to Jamestown, Virginia to aide in the production of tobacco.**

**1621- The Dutch West India Company founds the colony of New Amsterdam along the Hudson River.**

**1624- Dutch commander Peter Minuit offers Manhattan Island's Indians \$24 (today about \$500) in exchange for their land. (Today this land is called New York City).**

**1600's- Spain's empire extends northward to modern day Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California**

**1664- The English take over the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam and rename the colony New York.**

**1673- French explorers claim a vast area in the interior of North America and name it 'Louisiana' for their monarch, King Louis XIV.**

**1700's- Virginia slave laws are gradually passed and full blown 'slave code' spreads throughout the 13 English colonies.**

**1700's- Africans constitutes the major labor force on the tobacco plantations of the South.**

**1750- African slaves outnumber whites in the colony of South Carolina.**