

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CHAPTER I

The first European to set foot on the continent of North America was Christopher Columbus in 1492. He sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Spain and discovered the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas. This event marked the beginning of European exploration and settlement in the Americas.

Over the next century, other explorers such as Amerigo Vesputi and John Cabot discovered and named various parts of the continent.

THE COLONIAL PERIOD

The first permanent European settlement in North America was Jamestown, Virginia, established in 1607.

