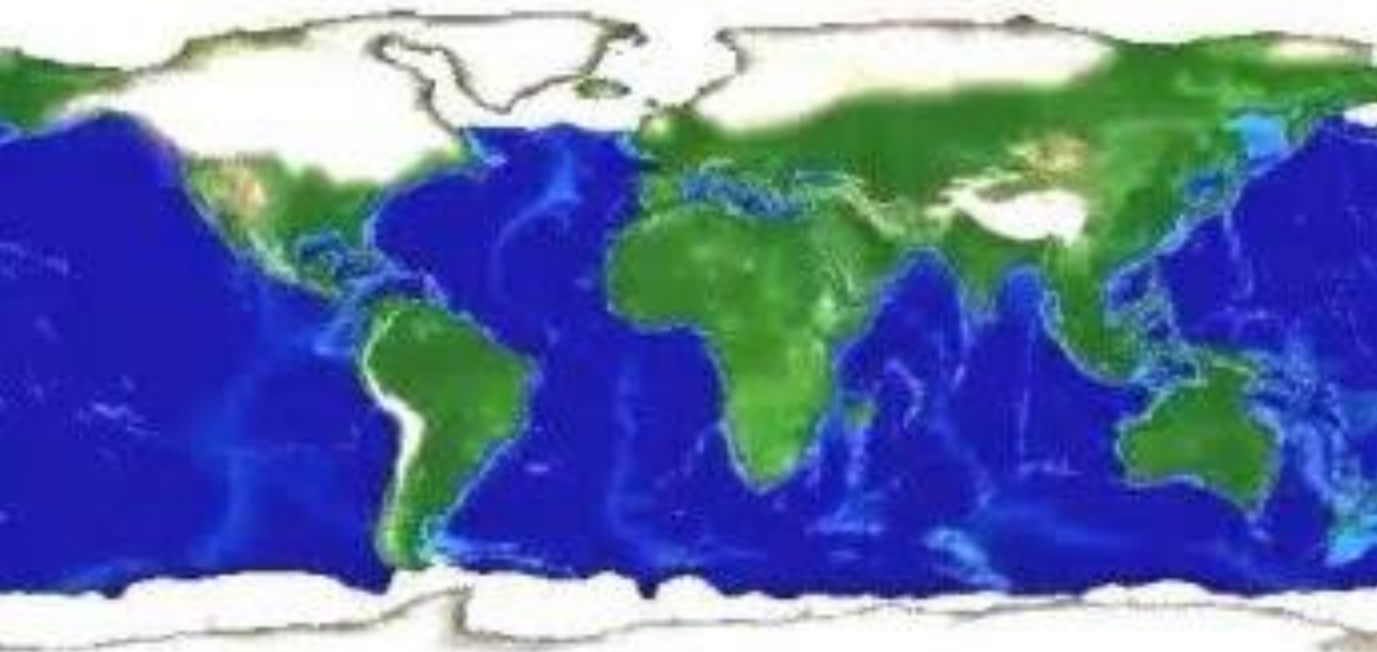


# NATIVE AMERICANS

A brief introduction





PEOPLE HAVE  
LIVED IN  
NORTH  
AMERICA  
FOR  
AT LEAST  
**20,000 YEARS.**



There were large cities throughout the North American continent before Europeans arrived.

- <http://www.pbs.org/native-america/extras/interactive-map/>





*Humans cross  
land bridge between  
Asia and  
North America*  
ca. 13,000 to  
ca. 7000 BCE

*Mayan  
civilization  
flourishes in  
Yucatán Peninsula*  
ca. 2000 BCE  
to 900 CE

*Leif Ericson  
arrives in  
present-day  
Canada*  
ca. 1000

*Black Death  
decimates  
Europe*  
1346

*Columbus  
arrives in  
Bahamas*  
1492

ca. 5000 BCE  
*Corn domesticated in  
Mesoamerica*

622  
*Muhammad  
receives vision  
for Islam*

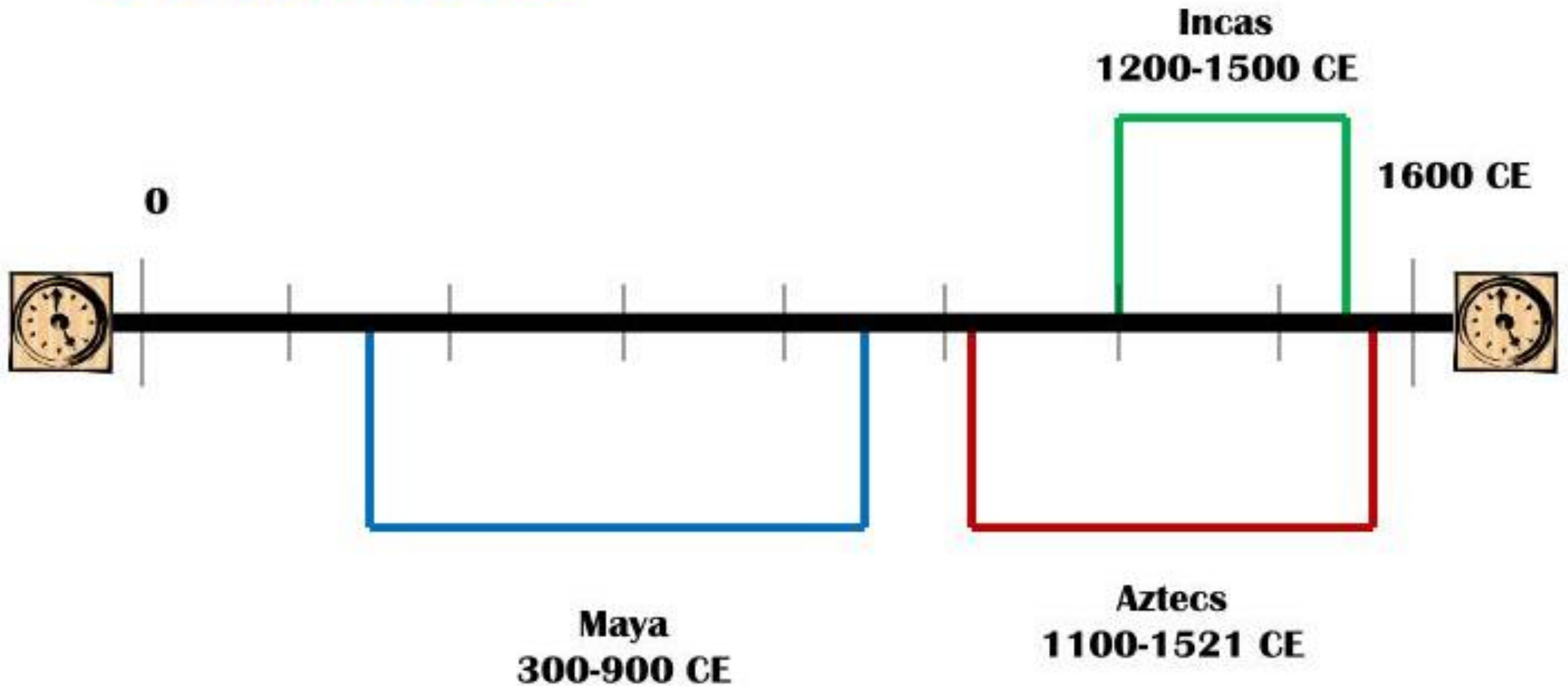
ca. 1100  
*Cahokia at its  
peak near modern  
St. Louis*

1325–1521  
*Aztec civilization  
flourishes in  
present-day Mexico*

1400–1532  
*Inca Empire  
thrives in  
South America*

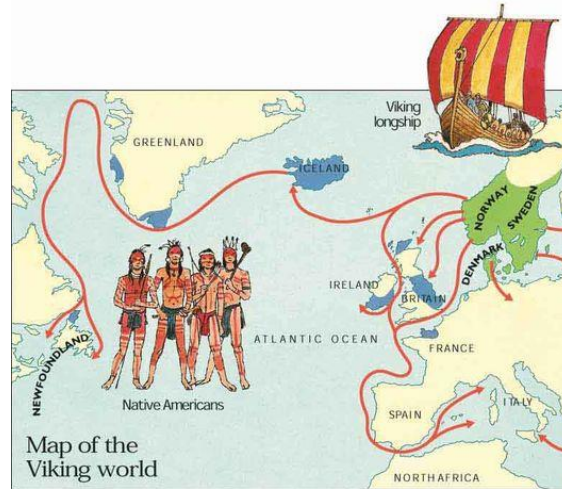


# Timeline



We call the people who lived in those cities and their descendants “Native Americans” because they lived here **FIRST.**





We know Native Americans fought with Vikings in North America in **1000 A.D.**

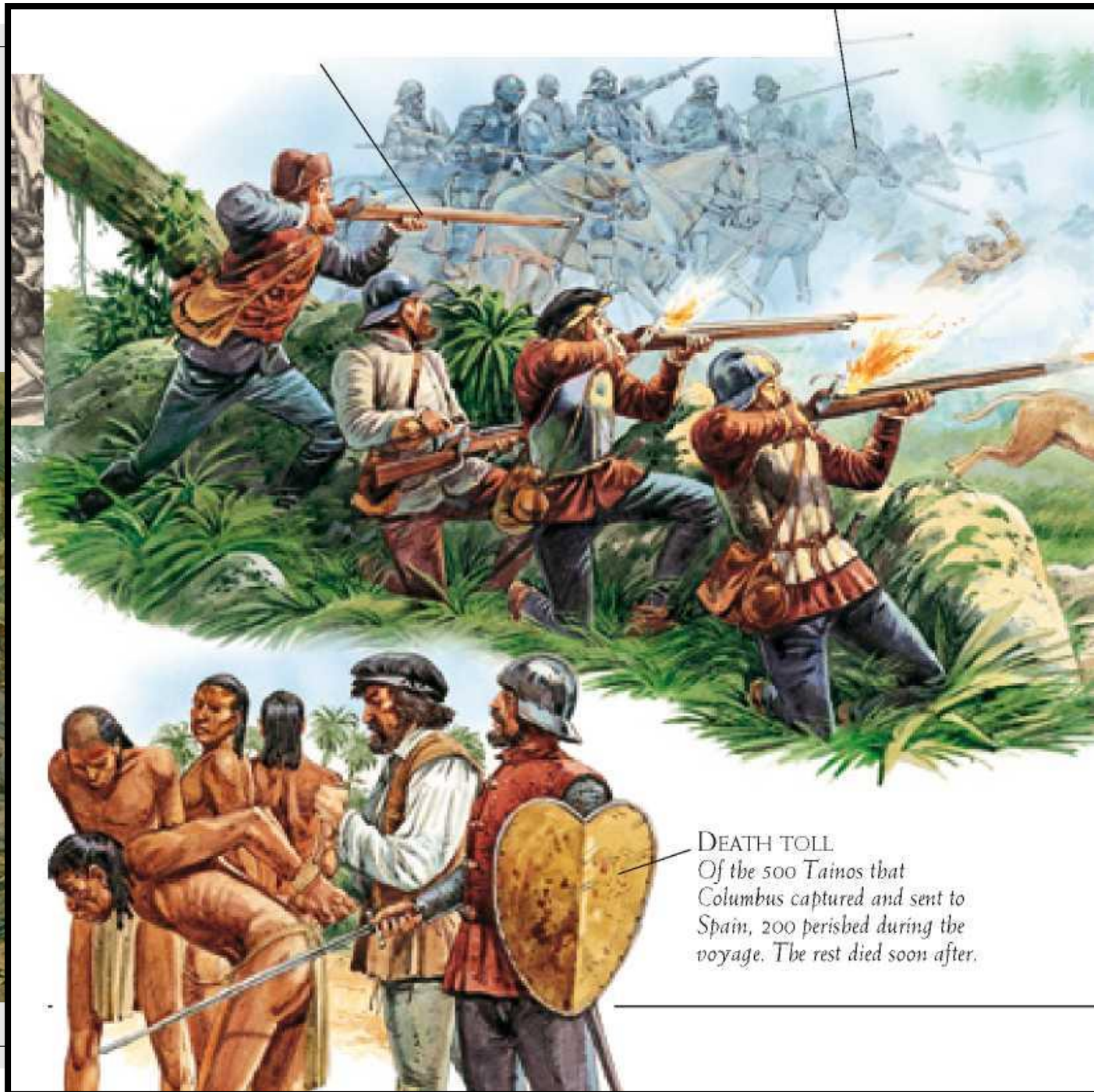






Native Americans had lived in North America for **thousands of years** when Christopher Columbus landed in 1492.

Meaning, Columbus did NOT “discover” America!



**DEATH TOLL**  
Of the 500 Tainos that Columbus captured and sent to Spain, 200 perished during the voyage. The rest died soon after.

There are  
over 600  
separate,  
individual  
native  
nations.





Each nation  
has and has  
**ALWAYS** had  
their own  
traditions,  
dress, customs,  
and  
language.



Native  
Americans  
**still live** and  
contribute to  
North  
American life.



**The  
Guardian**