

Before Arrival of Europeans

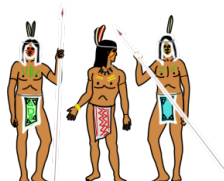
Ciboney - 1st native people in Caribbean

Arawaks - arrive ca. 300 BCE

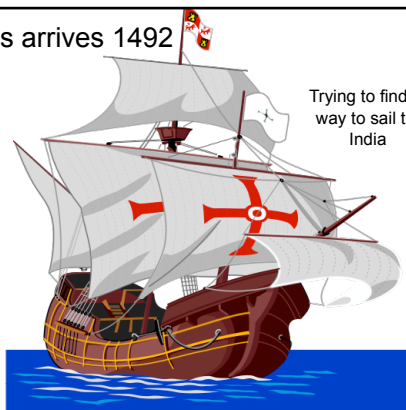
-South American natives

Caribs - arrive ca. 1000 CE

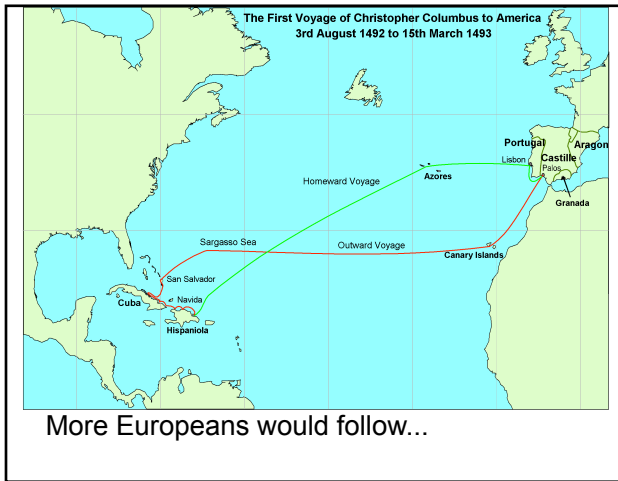
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Columbus arrives 1492



Trying to find a
way to sail to
India



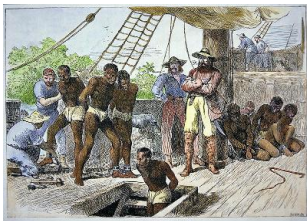
By the 1600s the Dutch, French, & British were coming...

- Looking to get rich
- Built big sugar plantations
- Brought their diseases along
- killing most of the native people



Big agriculture requires lots of manpower

- they bring in African slaves



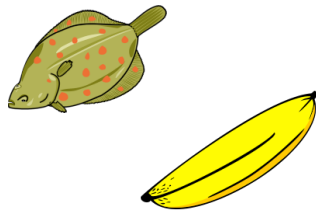
Most modern people in the Caribbean today are descended from these slaves

All this wealth in the Caribbean drew pirates



Caribbean Economy Today...

- fishing
- agriculture
 - bananas
 - yams
 - cacao
 - some sugar (not as much as before)
- tourism



Caribbean Culture Today...

Language:

European languages

Mix of European & African (creole)

Today, most Caribbean people are descendants of African slaves

-also:

-mestizos

-mix of native & colonizing power

-Caribs

-only about 300 left

-immigrants from other countries

Caribbean Culture Today...

Religion:

Mainly Catholic (Christians)

-brought by Spanish

Some traditional African religion

Other religions as well

Caribbean Culture Today...

Music:

Reggae

-"up" beat on 2 & 4

-often political lyrics

Calypso

-steel drums

-funny lyrics

Jamaican Dancehall



Lent - 40 days before Easter

-always starts on Ash Wednesday

Carnival starts before Lent

Like Mardi Gras in New Orleans
