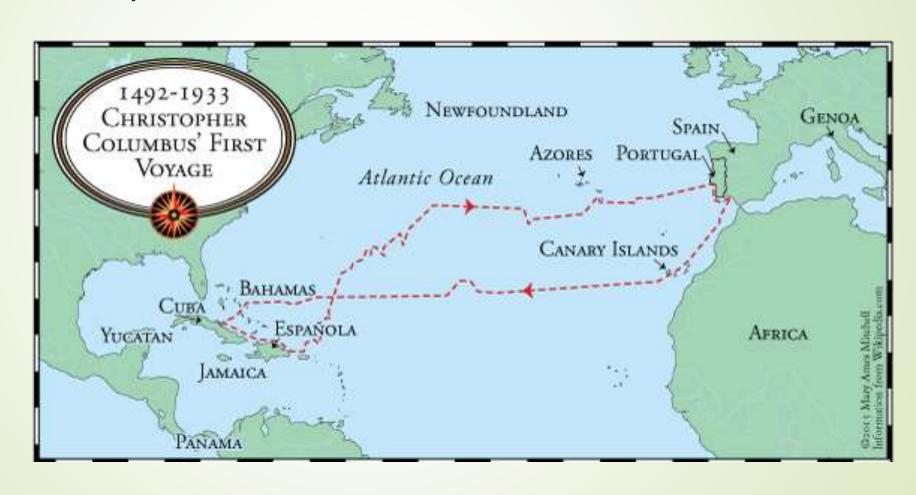
## 19th Century American Fiction

A Brief History of the Colonization of the American Continent

### Cristoforo Colombo Christopher Columbus (1450-1506)



### October 12, 1492 Ships: Santa Maria, Pinta and Niña



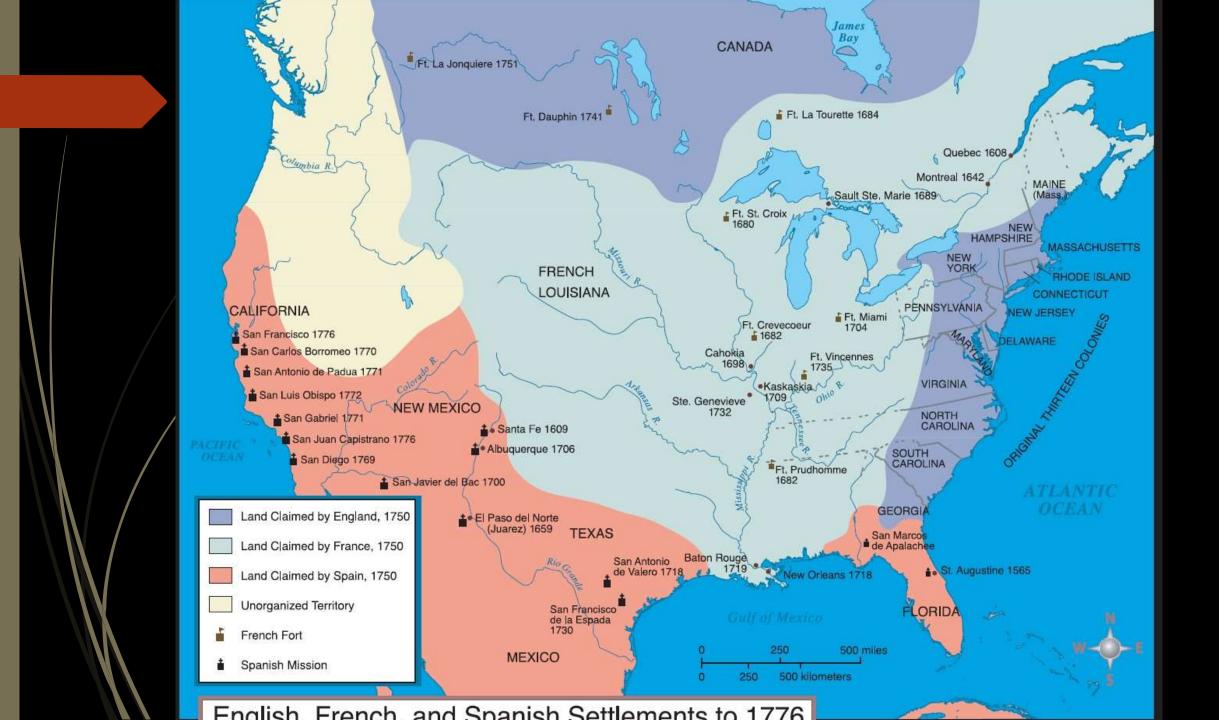
"They brought as parrots and balls of cotton and spears [...] They willingly traded everything they owned [...] They were well-built, with good bodies and handsome features. They do not bear arms, and they do not know them, for I showed them a sword, they took it by the edge and cut themselves out of ignorance [...] They could make fine servants [...] With fifty men we could subjugate them all and do whatever we want"

-Christopher Columbus-

In Hispaniola, from 1492 to 1508, the number of natives reduced from 1-3 millions to less than 60.000

#### North America

- Plenty of unsuccessful attempts
- First established British Colony: Jamestown in 1607
- ...legal vacuum...



# Tactics to exterminate the local population

- Break the truce
- ► Kill civilians
- Use tribes against each other

- The estimated native population of America was 75 millions (25 of them in the north).