

# The Great American History





1492 – Christopher Columbus lands  
in Bahamas

(Though he did not really discover America,  
there were Chinese, Russians and Vikings  
before him)



- 1513 – Spanish found a colony at St. Augustine, Florida
- 1590 – The English colony of Roanoke vanishes
- 1607 – The English build a settlement in Jamestown, Virginia (was named not for Queen Elizabeth's epicness but for her supposed chastity)
- 1620 – **The Mayflower** arrives carrying English pilgrims in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts



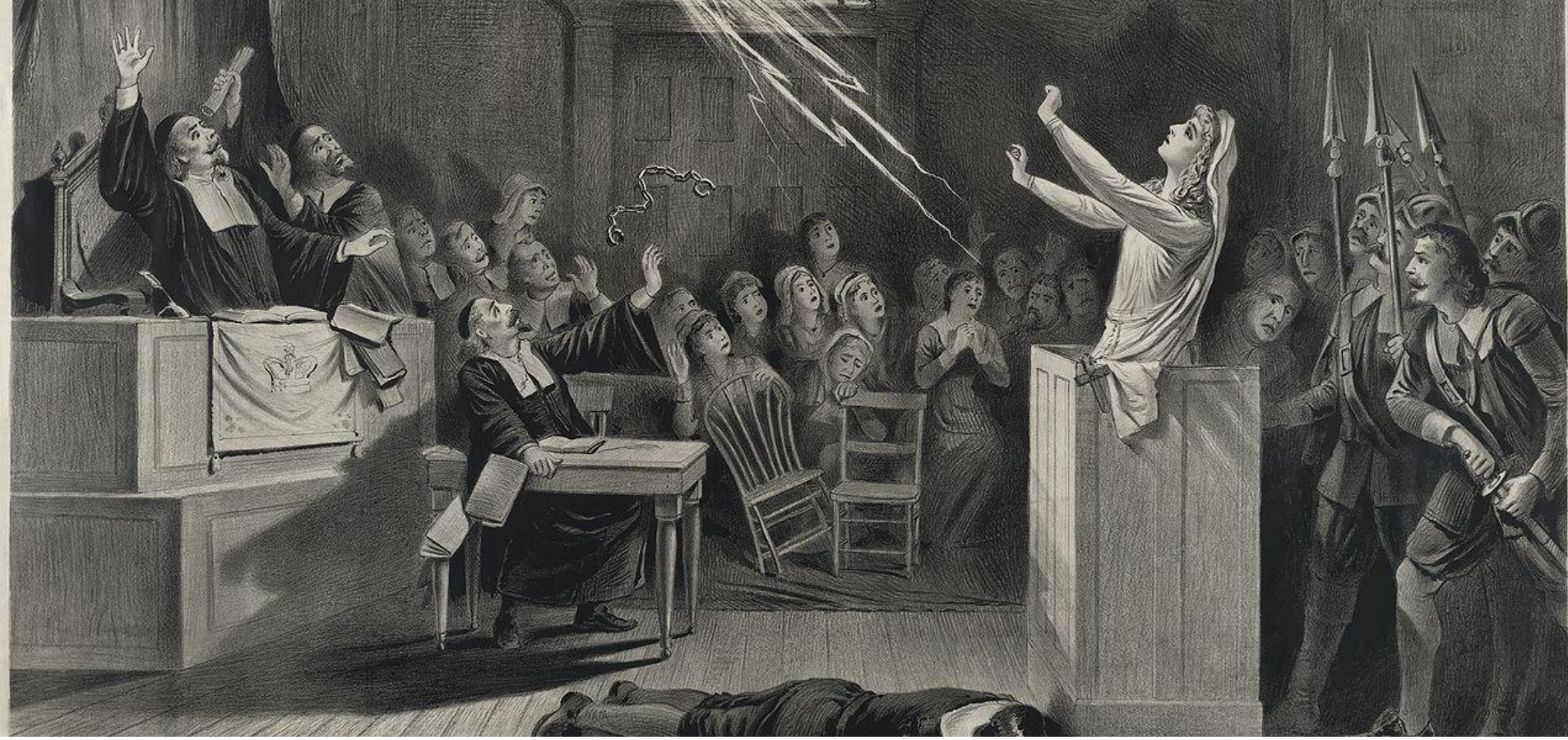
# Native Americans

- No domesticated animals, no pandemics or private property
- Thank you for the smallpox, here's some lung cancer (Native American tobacco)
- Spanish genocide of American Indians



# Thanksgiving – fourth Thursday of November (1621)

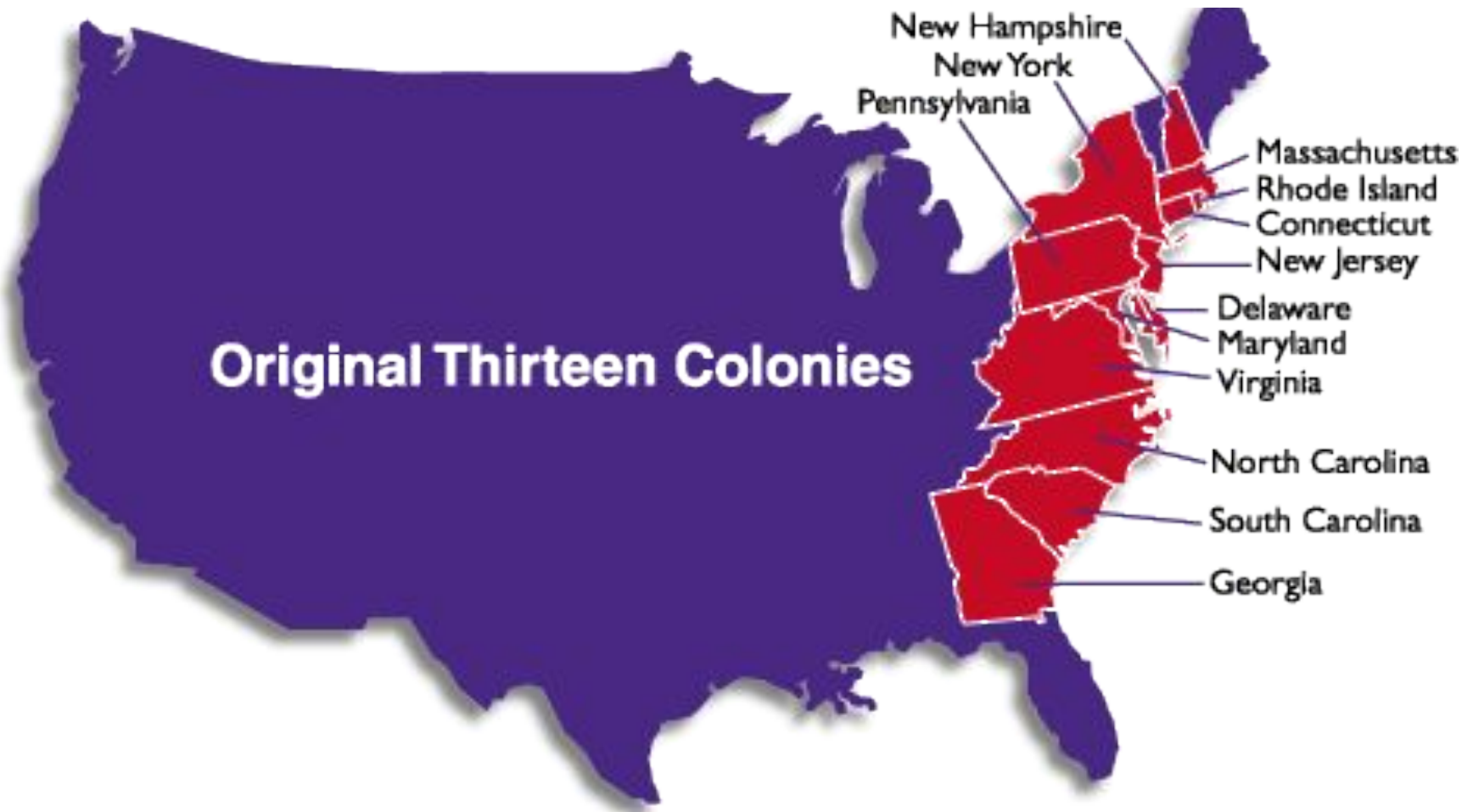
- Pilgrims saved from starvation in winter by native Americans
  - In returned they served the American Indians a meal.
- (also pilgrims brought disease that killed them all)



(Talking about poor choices )  
The Salem Witch Trials - 1691

Claimed the lives of fourteen of the nearly 150 women and men who were accused of witchcraft

# The 13 original British colonies (1733)





(1754 - 1763) – The French and Indian War or The Seven Years' War  
(it lasted for nine years)

- British & French fighting for land
- Ends with the Treaty of Paris
- And even though Britain won the war, they arguably got the short end of the territorial stick.





## 1765 – British Parliament passes the Stamp Act, taxing the colonies

- British levied more taxes because of the Seven Years' War expenses
- All printed materials had to carry a stamp. Which was not free.
- «no taxation without representation»



## 1770 – The Bloody Boston Massacre

A group of people in Boston threw snowballs at British soldiers. The soldiers opened fire, killing 5 people and wounding 6 of them. While it was not much of a massacre, was definitely the worst outcome of a snowball fight in American history



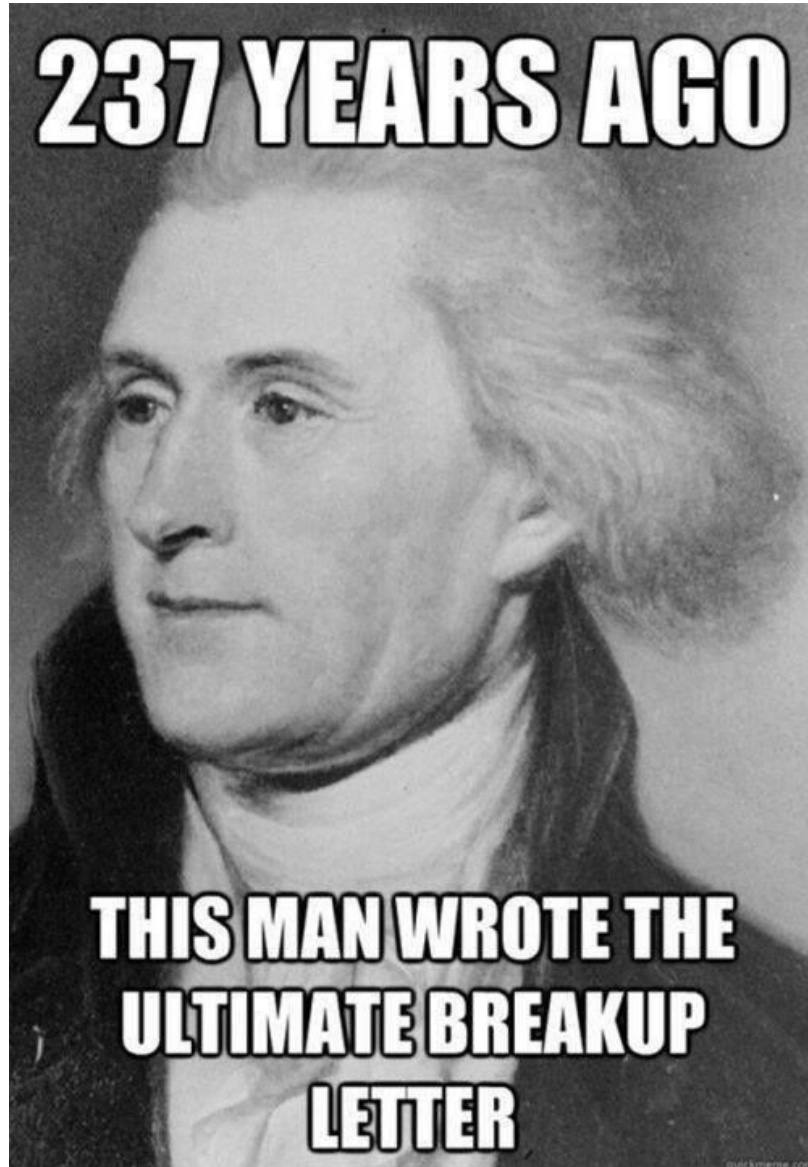
# 1773 – The Boston Tea Party

Colonists dressed up as Indians and dumped enough tea into Boston Harbor to cause the modern equivalent of a four million dollar loss  
(did not make any actual sense)



## 1775-1783 – American Revolution

- “There is something absurd in supposing a continent to be perpetually governed by an island.”
- Thirteen American colonies rejected the British monarchy changing the ruling class from rich white men overseas to just rich white men



Declaration of  
independence

July 4, 1776

- True religious freedom
- State status
- More voting population



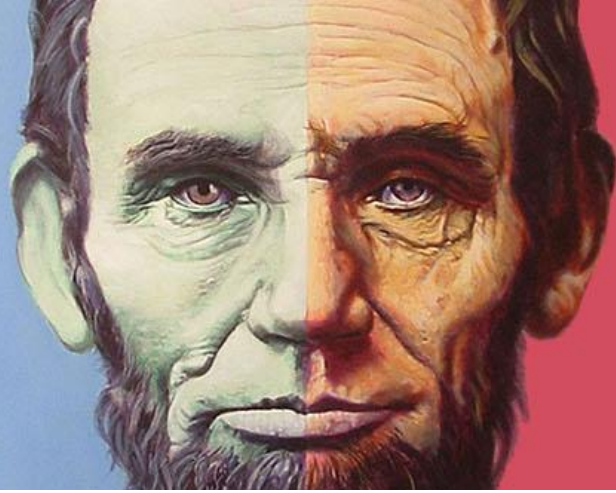
- 1787 – the US constitution is written
- 1789 – George Washington becomes the first president of the US



1838-1839

- more native American genocide

The forced removal of American Indians, especially Cherokees, from their homeland, the “Trail of Tears”



## 1860 – Abraham Lincoln becomes the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the US

- He was assassinated on 14 April 1865 in a theatre
- Abolished slavery
- Preserved the Union
- Led the country through the Civil War
- His last words were “It doesn’t really matter”





April 1861 - 1865 – Civil War

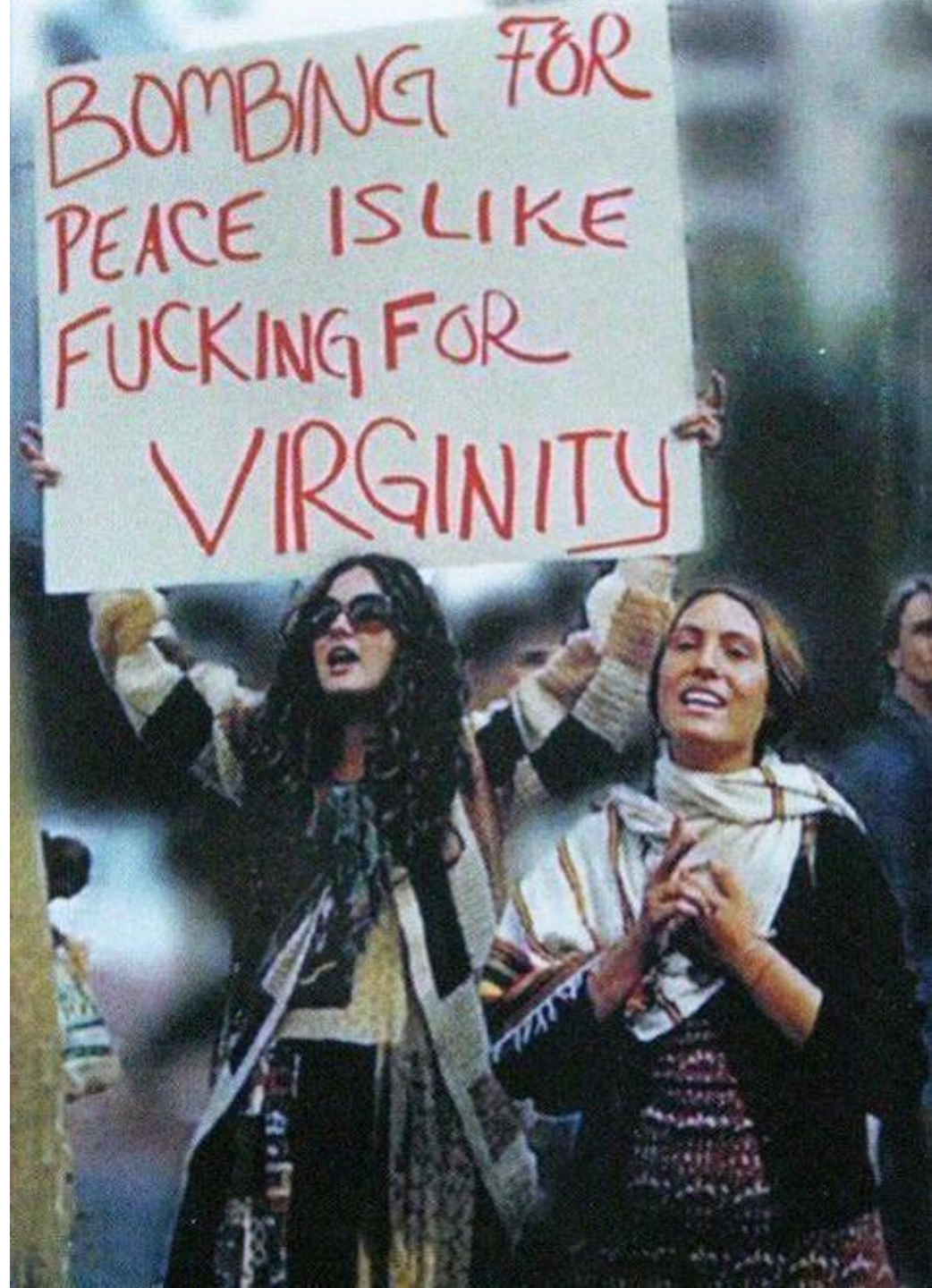
Slaves are finally free! ... but not really



- Dec 7, 1941 – Pearl Harbour attack
- Aug 6, 1945 – Hiroshima is decimated by an atomic bomb. Two days later a second bomb is dropped on Nagasaki.
- 2 sept, 1945 – Japan surrenders ending the WWII

# More wars!

- 1947 – 1988/89 – The Cold War
- 1950-1953 – The Korean War
- 1955 – 1976 – The Vietnam War
- 1980 – 1988 – The Iran-Iraq War
- 2003-2004 – Occupation of Iraq





Nov 22, 1963 – JFK assassinated

# Poetry ~~rap~~ battle

