

Date	Event
1550-1630	English crown supports mercantilism
1556-1598	Reign of Philip II, king of Spain
1565	St. Augustine is founded by the Spanish
1558-1603	Reign of Elizabeth I, queen of England
1577-1580	Francis Drake's <i>Golden Hind</i> circles the globe, captures Spanish treasure fleet
1560-1620	Growth of English Puritan movement
1588	Storms and English ships destroy Spanish Armada
1603-1625	Reign of James I, king of England
1607	English traders settle Jamestown
1608	Samuel de Champlain founds Quebec
1609	Henry Hudson explores North America for the Dutch
1614	Dutch set up fur-trading post at Fort Orange
1619	First Africans arrive in Chesapeake region
1619	House of Burgesses convenes in Virginia
1620	Pilgrims found Plymouth Colony
1620-1660	Chesapeake colonies enjoy tobacco boom
1621	Dutch West India Company chartered
1622	Opechancanough's uprising
1624	Virginia becomes a royal colony
1625-1649	Reign of Charles I, king of England
1630	Puritans found Massachusetts Bay Colony
1634	Colonists arrive in Maryland
1636	Beginning of Puritan-Pequot War
1636	Roger Williams founds Providence
1637	Anne Hutchinson banished from Massachusetts Bay
1640-1650	Iroquois initiate wars over fur trade
1642-1659	Puritan Revolution in England
1651	First Navigation Act
1660	Restoration of the English monarchy
1663	Charles II grants Carolina proprietorship
1664	English conquer New Netherland, rename it New York
1669	Virginia law declares that the murder of a slave cannot be treated as a felony
1675	Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia
1675-1676	Metacom's War in New England
1681	William Penn founds Pennsylvania
1685-1688	Reign of James II, king of England
1686-1689	Dominion of New England
1688-1689	Glorious Revolution
1689	William and Mary ascend throne in England
1689	Revolts in Massachusetts, Maryland, and New York
1689-1713	England, France, and Spain at war
1692	Salem witchcraft trials
1695	Licensing Act lapses in England, triggering the print revolution
1696	Parliament creates Board of Trade
1710-1730	Enlightenment ideas spread from Europe to America
1710-1730	Germans and Scots-Irish settle in Middle colonies
1710-1730	Theodore Jacob Frelinghuysen preaches Pietism to German migrants
1714-1750	British policy of salutary neglect; American assemblies gain power

1720-1730	William and Gilbert Tennent led Presbyterian revivals among Scots-Irish
1720-1730	Johnathan Edwards preaches in New England
1720-1742	Robert Wadpole leads Parliament
1720-1750	African American communities form
1720-1750	Rice exports from South Carolina soar
1720-1750	Planter aristocracy emerges
1720-1750	Seaport cities expand
1729	Benjamin Franklin founds the <i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i>
1732	Parliament charters Georgia, challenging Spain
1732	Hat Act limits colonial enterprise
1733	Molasses Act threatens distillers
1739	Stono Rebellion in South Carolina
1739	George Whitefield sparks Great Awakening
1739-1748	War with Spain in the Caribbean and France in Canada and Europe
1740-1760	Conflict between Old Lights and New Lights
1740-1760	Shortage of farmland in New England threatens freehold ideal
1740-1760	Growing ethnic and religious pluralism in Middle Atlantic colonies
1740-1760	Religious denominations establish colleges
1743	Benjamin Franklin founds American Philosophical Society
1743	Samuel Morris starts Presbyterian revivals in Virginia
1748	Ohio Company receives grant of 200,000 acres from the crown
1749	Connecticut farmers form Susquehanna Company
1750	Industrial Revolution begins in England
1750	British shipping dominates North Atlantic; American imports and debt increase
1750	Iron Act restricts colonial Iron production
1751	Currency Act prohibits land banks and paper money
1754	French and Indian War begins
1754	Iroquois and colonists meet at Albany Congress
1754	Franklin's Plan of Union
1756	Britain begins Great War for Empire
1759-1760	Britain completes conquest of Canada
1760-1770	Land conflict along New York and New England border
1760-1770	Baptist revivals win converts in Virginia
1763	Pontiac's Rebellion leads to Proclamation of 1763
1763	Treaty of Paris ends Great War for Empire
1763	Scots-Irish Paxton Boys massacre Indians in Pennsylvania
1771	Royal governor puts down Regulator revolt in North Carolina