

## FIRST COLONIES IN AMERICA - EXTRACT

In the 16th century, European powers, including England, France, and Spain, began colonizing America, with England's first attempt at Roanoke (1584) failing, and the first permanent English settlement established at Jamestown in 1607.

### **Here's a more detailed look at the colonization of America in the 16th century:**

**Early Attempts and Failed Colonies:**

**Roanoke Colony (1584-1590):**

The English made their first attempt at colonization with the Roanoke Colony, which was abandoned, leaving behind the mystery of the "Lost Colony".

**Failed Huguenot Settlement (1562):**

A failed Huguenot settlement in South Carolina (Charlesfort-Santa Elena site) occurred in 1562.

**French at Jacksonville (1564):**

French Huguenots established a settlement at Jacksonville, Florida (Fort Caroline) in 1564, which was later destroyed by the Spanish.

**Spanish Colonization:**

**Southwest Expeditions (1540s):**

Spanish colonial expeditions to the Southwest began in the 1540s, though settlement efforts north of the Rio Grande didn't start until 1598.

**Santa Elena (1566-1587):**

Spanish presence in South Carolina (Charlesfort-Santa Elena site) lasted from 1566 to 1587.

**Settlement in Northern New Mexico (1598):**

Spanish settlement in Northern New Mexico occurred in 1598.

**Saint Augustine (1565):**

The Spanish established the city of Saint Augustine in Florida in 1565, which became the oldest continuously inhabited European-established city in the United States.

**English Colonization:**

**Jamestown (1607):**

The first permanent English settlement was established at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607.

**Plymouth Colony (1620):**

The Pilgrims founded the Plymouth Colony in what is now Massachusetts in 1620.

**King James I's Charters (1606):**

King James I of England granted charters to the Virginia Company of London and the Plymouth Company to colonize the American coast.

**London Company (1606):**

The London Company, later known as the Virginia Company, was granted a charter by King James I to colonize the American coast between parallels 34° and 41° north.

**Plymouth Company (1606):**

The Plymouth Company was granted a charter by King James I to settle between 38° and 45° north.

**French Colonization:**

**Quebec (1608):** The French established Quebec in 1608.

The Company of New France began sending colonists to North America in 1627.

**Exploration and Trade:** The French focused on exploration and the fur trade in the region that became Canada.

**Dutch Colonization**

**New Netherland (1621):**

The Dutch West India Company began sending colonists to the region that became New York in 1621.

**New Amsterdam:**

The Dutch established the settlement of New Amsterdam, which later became New York City.

**Motivations for Colonization:**

**Economic Opportunities:** European powers sought wealth, power, and resources in the Americas.

**Religious Freedom:** Some colonists, like the Pilgrims, sought religious freedom in the New World.

**Political instability and social unrest in Europe** also led to migration to the Americas.

**Conversion of Native Americans:** Missionaries sought to convert Native Americans to Christianity.