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Time Line

Immigration Time Line 1600s to 1816

Dates	Indiana History	Who Came to Indiana	National Immigration Legislation
Late 1600s to 1776	<p>Mississippian mound builders disappear between 1400 and 1600.</p> <p>Several American Indians begin to settle in present-day Indiana around 1680, including Miami, Wea, Piankashaw, Potawatomi, Shawnee, Lenape, and Kickapoo.</p>	<p>The French come to the area as explorers, fur traders, soldiers, and missionaries.</p> <p>English soldiers come to remove French influence after 1763.</p>	<p>Native American tribes respond with a mixture of acceptance and rejection of European culture and goods.</p>
1777 to 1816	<p>The Northwest Territory is established in 1787, including the present-day states of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.</p> <p>The Indiana Territory is established in 1800.</p> <p>Indiana becomes a state in 1816.</p> <p>The Indiana 1816 Constitution outlaws slavery within the state.</p>	<p>The English and Welsh come to Indiana as early pioneers seeking independence and virgin land.</p> <p>The Scots, Scotch-Irish, and Germans come to Indiana for political and religious freedom and economic stability.</p> <p>A small number of African Americans are brought to Indiana as slaves or indentured servants.</p>	<p>The Naturalization Act of 1790 is the first national law granting United States citizenship; limiting citizenship to “free white persons.”</p>

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