

HISTORY

THE AMERICAN DREAM - THE HISTORY OF EUROPEANS IN AMERICA

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Thirty million Europeans emigrated to the USA in the 19th Century to realize their American dream. But the continent was settled at the expense of its original inhabitants.

The United States is always seen as the land of dreams and unlimited possibilities. We start in Florida, where the Spaniards first settled in the early 16th Century. Their legacy today is 50 million Americans who speak Spanish as their first language – more than in Spain itself. But it was the largely Protestant British who made up the second wave of immigrants. While the southern states lived from the proceeds of slavery, the northern states developed into booming industrial centers. The American dream from dishwasher to millionaire was born.

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