OUTLINE NOTES

The Beginning + End of US History

I. When to begin US History? Several Possible dates
   A. 1776 - Declaration of Independence
      1. no longer British colony
   B. 1607 - Jamestown
      1. 1st permanent English settlement @ Jamestown
   C. 1492 - Columbus
      1. almost everything changes in US + Europe
         a. abroad
         b. new raw materials from Americas
         c. dozens of years of wars in Europe
            over American resources.
   D. ~12,000 BC - Native American culture @ Clovis, NM
      1. Descendants are some of the oldest
         inhabitants.

II. Problems w/ these dates
   A. 1776 -
      1. We would lose history of settlement,
         trade, war, before independence.
   B. 1607 -
      1. Ignores much we know about earlier
         settlements
      2. Spanish had been here for years.
C. 1492 - cultural conflict can be discussed
D. ~12,000 BC
   - might be too far back to discuss in the context of this class

III. So, we'll begin this class in 1492.