

---



---

## MARYLAND CAPSULE CHRONOLOGY

---



---

- c. 10,000 B.C. . . . . Indians known to have lived in Maryland by this date.
- c. 1000 B.C. . . . . Indian introduction of pottery.
- c. 800 B.C. . . . . Indian introduction of domesticated plants.
- c. 1000 A.D. . . . . Permanent Indian villages established.
- 1498 . . . . . John Cabot sailed along Eastern Shore off present-day Worcester County.
- 1524 . . . . . Giovanni da Verrazano passed mouth of Chesapeake Bay.
- 1572 . . . . . Pedro Menendez de Aviles, Spanish governor of Florida, explored Chesapeake Bay.
- 1608 . . . . . Capt. John Smith explored Chesapeake Bay.
- 1629 . . . . . George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltimore, left Avalon in Newfoundland, visited Virginia.
- 1631 . . . . . Kent Island settled by Virginians under William Claiborne.
- 1632, June 20 . . . . . Maryland Charter granted to Cecilius Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore, by Charles I, King of England.
- 1633, Nov. 22 . . . . . The *Ark* and the *Dove* set sail from Cowes, England, for Maryland.
- 1634, March 25 . . . . . Landing of settlers at St. Clement's Island.
- 1634/5, Feb. 26 . . . . . First General Assembly met at St. Mary's.
- 1645 . . . . . Ingle's Rebellion.
- 1647/8, Jan. 21 . . . . . Margaret Brent denied right to vote in General Assembly.
- 1649, April 21 . . . . . Religious toleration law enacted.
- 1650, April 6 . . . . . General Assembly divided into an upper and lower house.
- 1652, March 29 . . . . . Parliamentary commissioners hold jurisdiction over colony, curtailing proprietary authority.
- 1655, March 25 . . . . . Puritans from Virginia defeated Gov. William Stone's forces at Battle of the Severn.
- 1657, Nov. 30 . . . . . Lord Baltimore's claim to Maryland reaffirmed.
- 1664 . . . . . Slavery sanctioned by law; slaves to serve for life.
- 1683, May 15 . . . . . Headright system of land grants ended.
- 1685, Aug. 31 . . . . . Printing press of William Nuthead used at St. Mary's City by this date.
- 1689, July-1690, May . . . . . Maryland Revolution of 1689.
- 1690, May-1692, April . . . . . Interim government of Protestant Associators.
- 1692, April-1715 . . . . . Crown rule; Maryland governed as a royal colony rather than as a proprietary province.
- 1692 . . . . . Church of England made the established church. Royal assent to establishment act given in 1702.
- 1694/5, Feb. . . . . Capital moved from St. Mary's City to Annapolis.
- 1696 . . . . . King William's School (later St. John's College) founded at Annapolis.
- 1715 . . . . . Restoration of proprietary rights to Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore.
- 1718 . . . . . Catholic disenfranchisement.
- 1727, Sept. . . . . *Maryland Gazette* began publication at Annapolis.
- 1729 . . . . . Baltimore Town established.
- 1732 . . . . . Establishment of boundary line with three lower counties of Pennsylvania, which later became Delaware.
- 1744, June 30 . . . . . Indian chiefs of the Six Nations relinquished by treaty all claims to land in colony.