

VERMONT SETTLEMENT FACT SHEET/pre- to post-colonial

13,000 years ago	glaciers had receded and the Vermont topography looked like it looks today
11,000 years ago	first trees (spruce and fir) began to grow in Vermont
12,000-9,000 years ago	large mammals like woolly mammoth, sabertooth tiger, and giant ground sloth inhabited Vermont
4,500 years ago	Vermont forest was the same ecologically as today's forest
900 years ago	earliest agriculture in Connecticut River Valley
600 years ago	earliest agriculture in Champlain Valley

pre-European inhabitants	<i>and their lives</i>
Paleoindians (in Vermont as early as 10,000 years ago)	hunted tundra and open woodland/fished in Champlain Sea/may have helped cause extinction of large mammals from N. America/lived in small groups and moved constantly
Archaic (inhabited Vermont pre-4000 years ago)	hunted, fished, and gathered from the new forested landscape/liked to live around rivers/larger groups than Paleoindians/moved with the seasons
Woodland (inhabited Vermont post-4000 years ago)	hunted, fished, and gathered and eventually agriculture/pottery and bows & arrows/large villages/agriculture led to permanent villages
Abenaki (in Vermont by 1600 when European explorers visited)	hunting, gathering and agriculture/moved with the seasons/stored large amounts of food for the winter/several different bands of Abenaki in Vermont

Europeans in Vermont	<i>early highlights</i>
1600	French explorer Samuel de Champlain visits Vermont
1642-1763	French and British come to Vermont/Abenaki tribes trade furs with them
1616-1633	European diseases kill 90% of Abenaki population in New England
1763	large numbers of British moved to Vermont after the British-French signed Treaty of Paris to end war
1800	over 150,000 colonists in Vermont
1760-1791	New York, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts fight over Vermont territory until it becomes a state in 1791

Check these books for more information:

Albers, Jan, 2000, **Hands on the Land**, a History of the Vermont Landscape, The MIT Press: Cambridge, Massachusetts, 351 p.

Klyza, C.M. and Trombulak, S., 1999, **The Story of Vermont: A Natural and Cultural History**, University Press of New England: Hanover and London, 240 p.