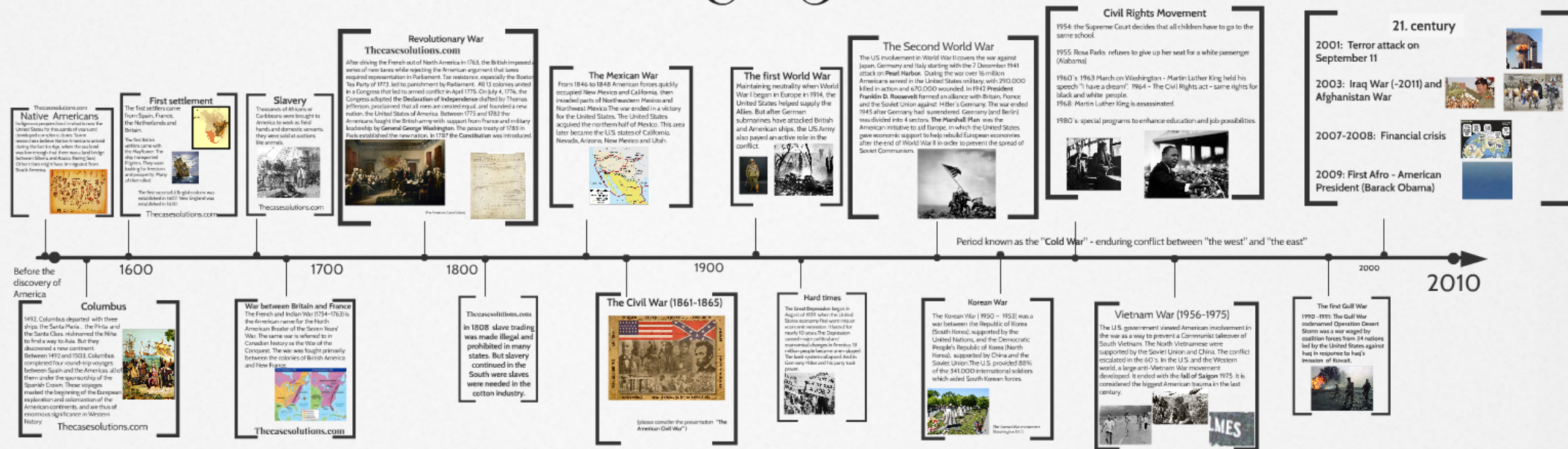
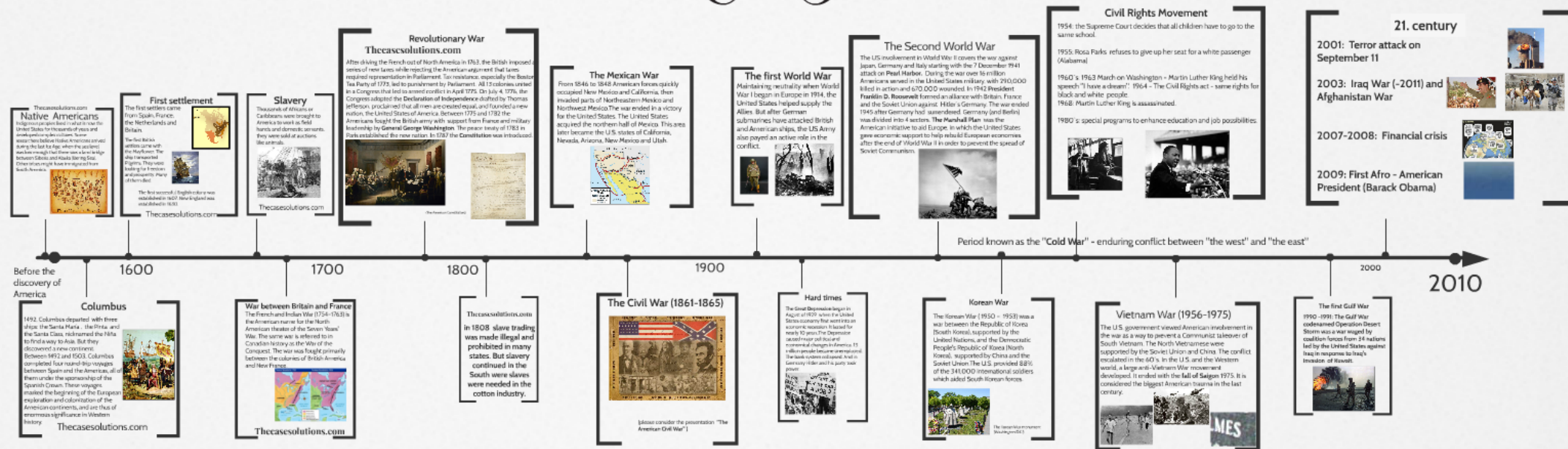


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1492, Columbus departed with three ships: the Santa María, the Pinta and the Santa Clara, nicknamed the Niña to find a way to Asia. But they discovered a new continent.

Between 1492 and 1503, Columbus completed four round-trip voyages between Spain and the Americas, all of them under the sponsorship of the Spanish Crown. These voyages marked the beginning of the European exploration and colonization of the American continents, and are thus of enormous significance in Western history.



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First settlement

The first settlers came from Spain, France, the Netherlands and Britain.

The first British settlers came with the Mayflower. The ship transported Pilgrims. They were looking for freedom and prosperity. Many of them died.



The first successful English colony was established in 1607. New England was established in 1630.

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Slavery

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War between Britain and France

The French and Indian War (1754–1763) is the American name for the North American theater of the Seven Years' War. The same war is referred to in Canadian history as the War of the Conquest. The war was fought primarily between the colonies of British America and New France.



Revolutionary War

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After driving the French out of North America in 1763, the British imposed a series of new taxes while rejecting the American argument that taxes required representation in Parliament. Tax resistance, especially the Boston Tea Party of 1773, led to punishment by Parliament. All 13 colonies united in a Congress that led to armed conflict in April 1775. On July 4, 1776, the Congress adopted the **Declaration of Independence** drafted by Thomas Jefferson, proclaimed that all men are created equal, and founded a new nation, the United States of America. Between 1775 and 1782 the Americans fought the British army with support from France and military leadership by **General George Washington**. The peace treaty of 1783 in Paris established the new nation. In 1787 the **Constitution** was introduced.



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**in 1808 slave trading
was made illegal and
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