

# Points of Contact with European Nations

Viking Nations interacted with communities in the Arctic and Northern regions centuries (if not millennia) before Columbus landed in the Caribbean.

Russian

English

French

British

Dutch / English

Spanish

Spanish

Spanish

Things to keep in mind:

1. "First Contact" was not a single event – it happens throughout the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries!
2. Contact does not mean that one side takes over the other – it usually means a mixing of perspectives and ideas.
3. Contacts between cultures must be understood in their proper contexts.

Columbus landed in The Bahamas and never set foot on Turtle Island. However, he did begin a period of Contacts and Interactions between the Nations of the Western Hemisphere and Europe.