CARIBBEAN COLONIAL TIMELINES

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EARLY BRITISH SETTLEMENTS IN CARIBBEAN & ENVIRONS

1612	**Bermuda**
1623	**St. Kitts**
1627	**Barbados**
1628	**Nevis** (from St. Kitts)
1632	**Antigua, Montserrat** (from St. Kitts)
1648	**Bahamas** (from Bermuda)
1650	**Anguilla** (from St. Kitts)
1655	**Jamaica** (occupied by British → ceded by Spain in 1670)

Britain in the Americas - The First 200 Years

1497	John Cabot (Venetian Giovanni Caboto sailing for England) lands in Newfoundland
1508	Sebastian Cabot sails extensively along coastal North America (?Hudson Strait to Chesapeake Bay?)
1576-78	Martin Frobisher reaches Baffin Island, Frobisher Bay, Hudson Strait in search of a Northwest Passage
1583	Sir Humphrey Gilbert founds St. John's fishing settlement in Newfoundland
1585 & 87	Roanoke Colony twice founded and twice failed
May 1607	First settlers arrive Jamestown (lasted 92 years) under the Virginia Company of London's royal charter
Aug 1607	Popham Colony in Maine founded (lasted 14 months) under the Plymouth Company's charter
1607-11	Henry Hudson sailing for England and then Netherlands explores New York to Hudson Bay, Canada
1612	St. George's, Bermuda founded under auspices of the Virginia Company, later the Somers Isles Company
1620	The Mayflower lands; Plymouth Colony founded under a land authorization from the Plymouth Company
1623	British colonize St. Kitts
1624	Virginia Company's charter is dissolved - Jamestown becomes a royal colony
1625-27	Barbados claimed for British crown and settled
1628	Nevis is settled (from St. Kitts). The Plymouth Colony becomes the Massachusetts Bay Colony
1630	Boston established by John Winthrop fleet with over 700 settlers
1632	Antigua and Montserrat settled by British from St. Kitts
1636	Harvard founded. Roger Williams founds Providence.
1636-8	The Pequot War (native Americans vs. Massachusetts Bay colonists - the latter decisively prevail)
1650	Anguilla is settled (from St. Kitts). First British settlers (pirates) begin logging settlements in Belize.
1655	Jamaica occupied by British → formally ceded by Spain in Treaty of Madrid 1670
1675-78	King Philip's War - last stand of native Americans in southern New England
1691	The Massachusetts Bay Colony becomes a royal colony
1699	Jamestown is abandoned after 92 years. Williamsburg becomes the capital of the Virginia Colony
1700	Barbados is the most populous colony in British America - exceeding Virginia, Massachusetts, Jamaica and New York

Note: Britain would later definitively acquire (by naval might and diplomacy) the following Caribbean islands: **Dominica, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago,** the **Cayman Islands**, and **British Virgin Islands**.

Timeline: The French in the Caribbean

1538	French Huguenots settle at Dieppe Bay, St. Kitts
1554	French pirate François Le Clerc bases himself on St. Lucia
1625	St. Kitts (Saint-Christophe) officially colonized
1628	*Compagnie des Îles de l'Amérique* founded
1632	Dominica (claimed but not settled)
1635	Martinique & Guadeloupe
1643	St. Lucia formally settled
1648	St. Martin & St. Bart (Saint-Barthélemy)
1650	Grenada
1651	St. Croix
1659	Saint Dominque (Haiti) (and ALL of Hispaniola 1795-1802)
1719	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
1781	Tobago
1783	Trinidad (by the *Cedula de Populacion*)

Today, only **Martinique**, **Guadeloupe**, **St. Bart** and the northern part of **St. Martin** are French.

Caribbean Independence Timeline	
1804	Haiti
1844	Dominican Republic
(1902)	Cuba
1962	Jamaica
1962	Trinidad & Tobago
1966	Barbados
1973	Bahamas
1974	Grenada
1978	Dominica
1979	St. Lucia
1979	St. Vincent & The Grenadines
1981	Antigua & Barbuda
1983	St. Kitts & Nevis