

# America By Water:

## From Sail to Steam



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This Thematic Exhibit is about how water affected the discovery, exploration, settlement, and development of America. This is a story about brave explorers and their discoveries, colonists and their battles, and inventors and their innovations. These affected all the generations traveling to and around America using water routes.

The pieces mounted on cream paper are over fifty years old, while the pieces mounted on blue are least 100 years old.

This exhibit starts when brave explorers use sailing ships to cross the ocean. It ends right before the Civil War, when steam technology became the major mode of water transportation.

America's exploration and settlement were greatly influenced by the water in and around it.