

# The History of Chocolate

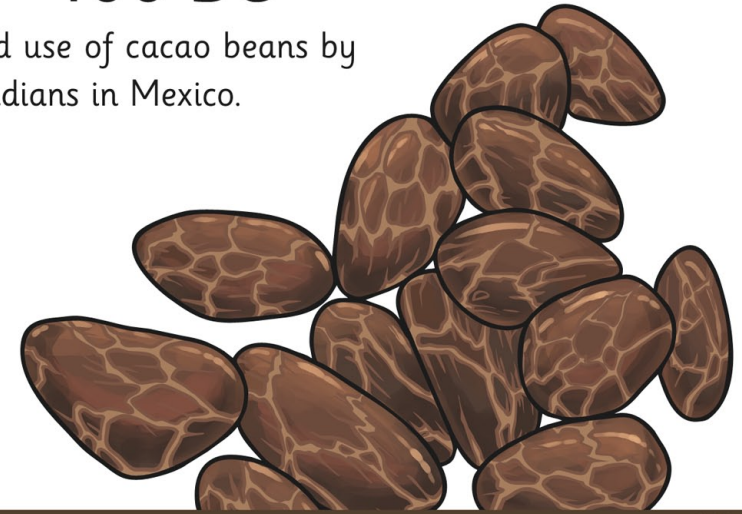
## Timeline Activity

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### The History of Chocolate

## 1500 - 400 BC

First recorded use of cacao beans by the Olmec Indians in Mexico.



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## 900 - 250 BC

The ancient Maya of Mexico and Central America made cacao into a spicy drink mixed with chilli.



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## 1200 - 1500

The Aztecs used cacao for trade and cacao seeds as a form of money.

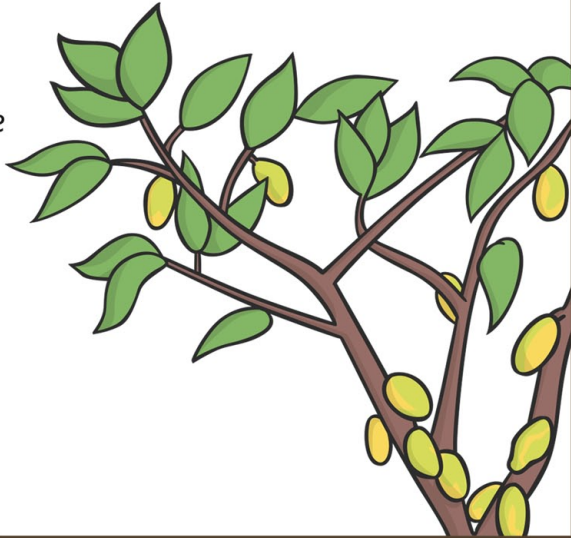


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1502

Christopher Columbus is the first European to come into contact with cacao.



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1540

The Spanish brought cacao home and started flavouring it with cinnamon and sugar.



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1657

The first chocolate house was opened in London. Cacao was very expensive and in France, chocolate could be drunk only by the royal family!

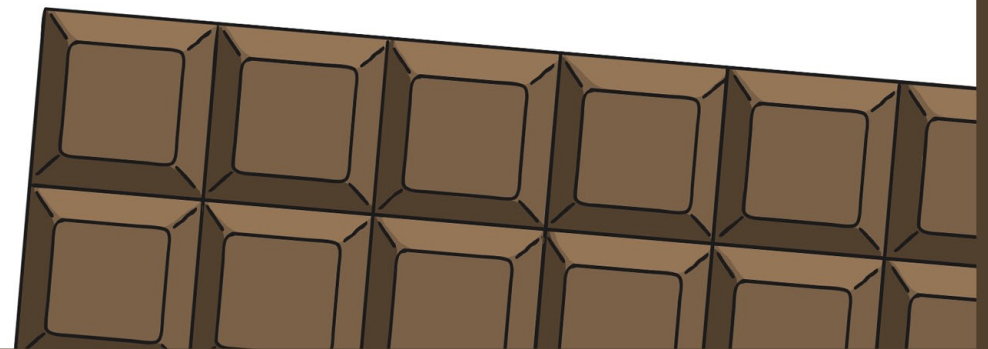


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1830

J.S. Fry and Sons of England produce the first moulded bar of 'Eating Chocolate'.



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# 1861

The Cadbury brothers of England introduce the first mass marketed boxes of chocolates.



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