

MARYLAND CAPSULE CHRONOLOGY TO 1968

c.10,000 B.C.	Indians known to have lived in Maryland by this date.
c.1000 B.C.	Indian introduction of pottery.
c.800 B.C.	Indian introduction of domesticated plants.
c.1000 A.D.	Permanent Indian villages established.
1498	John Cabot sailed along Eastern Shore off present-day Worcester County.
1524	Giovanni da Verrazano passed mouth of Chesapeake Bay.
1572	Pedro Menendez de Aviles, Spanish governor of Florida, explored Chesapeake Bay.
1608	Capt. John Smith explored Chesapeake Bay.
1629	George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltimore, left Avalon in Newfoundland, visited Virginia.
1631	Kent Island settled by Virginians under William Claiborne.
1632, June 20	Maryland Charter granted to Cecilius Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore, by Charles I.
1633, Nov. 22	The <i>Ark</i> and the <i>Dove</i> set sail from Cowes, England, for Maryland.
1634, March 25	Landing of settlers at St. Clement's Island.
1634/35, Feb. 26	First General Assembly met at St. Mary's.
1645	Ingle's Rebellion.
1647/8, Jan. 21	Margaret Brent denied right to vote in General Assembly.
1649, April 20	Religious toleration law enacted.
1650, April 6	General Assembly divided into an Upper and Lower House.
1652, March 29	Parliamentary commissioners hold jurisdiction over colony, curtailing proprietary authority.
1655, March 25	Puritans from Virginia defeated Gov. William Stone's forces at Battle of the Severn.
1657, Nov. 30	Lord Baltimore's claim to Maryland reaffirmed.
1664	Slavery sanctioned by law; slaves to serve for life.
1683, May 15	Headright system of land grants ended.
1685, Aug. 31	Printing press of William Nuthead used at St. Mary's City by this date.
1689, July-1690, May	Maryland Revolution of 1689.
1690, May-1692, April	Interim government of Protestant Associators.
1692, April-1715	Crown rule; Maryland governed as a royal colony rather than as a proprietary province.
1692	Church of England made the established church. Royal assent to establishment act given in 1702.
1694	Capital moved from St. Mary's City to Annapolis.
1696	King William's School founded at Annapolis.
1715	Restoration of proprietary rights to Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore.
1718	Catholic disenfranchisement.
1727, Sept.	<i>Maryland Gazette</i> began publication at Annapolis.
1729	Baltimore Town established.
1732	Establishment of boundary line with three lower counties of Pennsylvania, which later became Delaware.
1744, June 30	Indian chiefs of the Six Nations relinquished by treaty all claims to land in colony.
1747	Tobacco inspection law enabled Maryland to control the quality of exports.
1755	Gen. Edward Braddock's expedition through Maryland to the west.
1763-1767	Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon surveyed boundary line with Pennsylvania.
1765, Nov. 23	Stamp Act resistance at Frederick.
1772, March 28	Cornerstone laid for State House in Annapolis.
1774, June 22	First Provincial Convention met at Annapolis.
1774, Oct. 19	Burning of the <i>Peggy Stewart</i> in Annapolis harbor.