

CITIES THROUGH TIME

Chicago



This is **Blastoff Jimmy!**
He is here to help you
on your mission and share
fun facts along the way!



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Welcome to Chicago!

Here we are in Chicago, Illinois. It is a major city in the United States. Nearly three million people live here!

How did it become the **diverse** city it is today?



For Review Only

Wow!

Along the River

wigwam



JIMMY SAYS

The word *Chicago* comes from a word that means “stinky onion.” The name comes from the wild onions that grew all around the river.



late
1600s

Let's paddle up the
Chicago River. A Potawatomi
village sits along the bank.

These people are preparing
for winter. Their **wigwams**
will keep them warm.

Chicago
River

wild onions

around
1779

Jean Baptiste Point DuSable
and his wife, Kittahawa, are busy
at their **trading post**.

**trading
post**

**Jean Baptiste
Point DuSable**



JIMMY SAYS

Chicago became
a city in 1837.





They are trading goods with **Native** Americans. British and French **explorers** stop by, too!

Kittahawa

Chicago Timeline

late 1600s: The Potawatomi live along the Chicago River

around 1779: Jean Baptiste Point DuSable opens a trading post and becomes the first settler of Chicago

1856: Chicago is the railroad center of the West

1871: The Great Chicago Fire burns much of the city

1893: Chicago hosts the World's Fair

1915 to 1940: Many Black people move from the South to northern cities like Chicago

mid-1970s: O'Hare International Airport becomes an airline hub and the Sears Tower, today's Willis Tower, is completed

