



The History of  
**Chocolate**  
Timeline

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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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**AD 1200 – 1500**

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



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**1502**

Christopher Columbus was 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

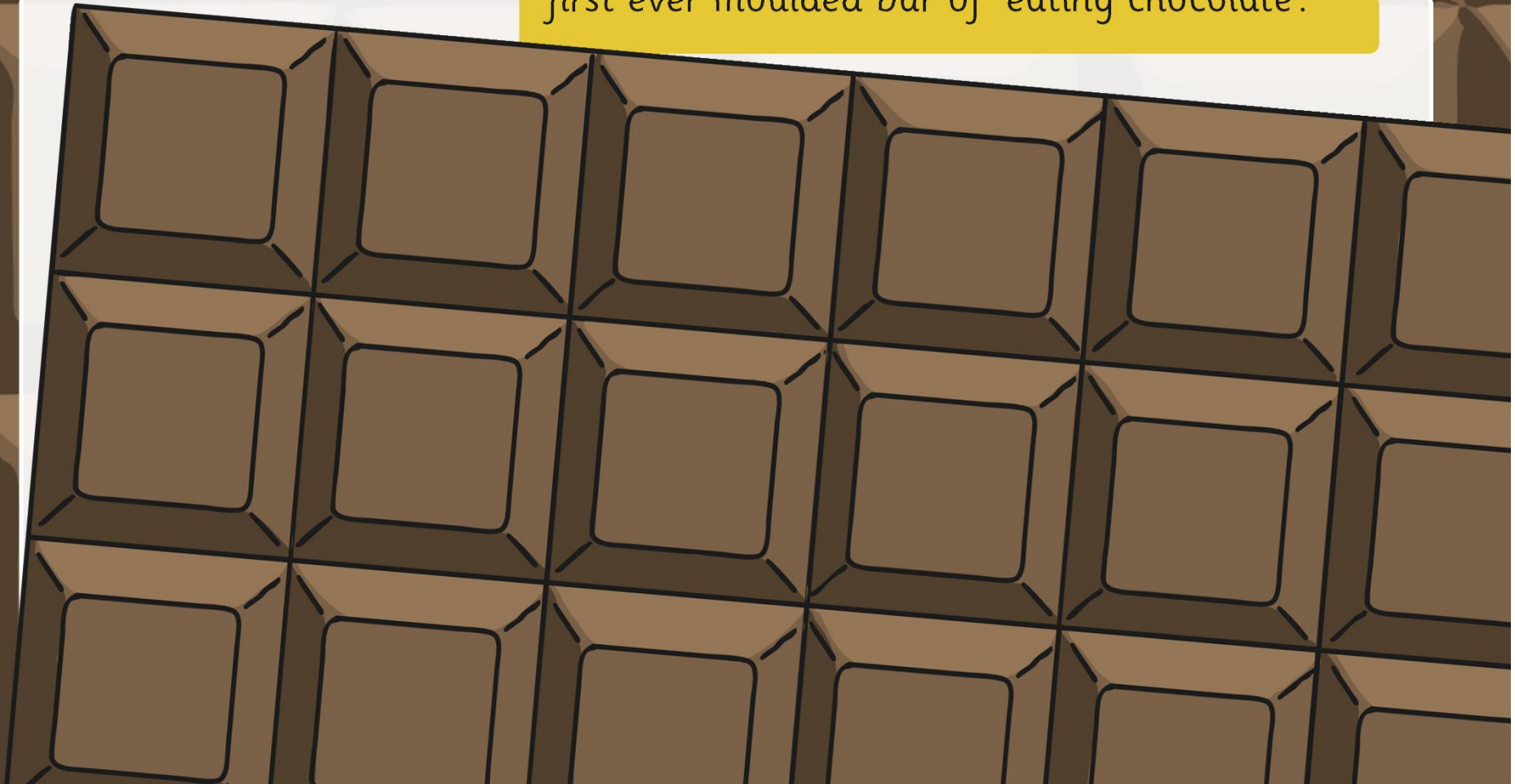
The first chocolate house was opened in London. Cacao was very expensive and in France, chocolate could only be drunk by royalty!



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**1830**

J.S. Fry and Sons of England produced the first ever moulded bar of 'eating chocolate'.





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**1861**

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



The image features a 4x4 grid of 16 squares. Each square is a different shade of brown, creating a subtle pattern. The squares are arranged in four rows and four columns. In the center of the grid, there is a small white cloud-like shape containing the word "twinkl" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

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