The Aztecs

named chocolate

as xocolatl.

he first American

pened in the year

1628 in Boston. 🌶

chocolate house

Cocoa contains

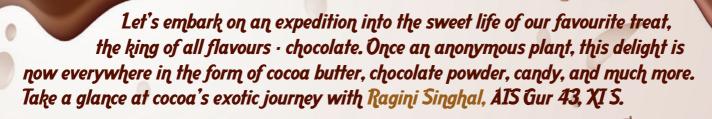
theobromine which

has properties to

prevent heart

diseases, cancer,

diabetes etc.



5300 AD

Region: Ecuador

Leading producers: Mayo Chinchip Quintessence: The extraction of chocolate from cocoa has been

documented first in the Olmec civilisation of Mesoamerica. The Mayans drank cocoa's juice bitter and cold during ceremonies. They exported it to the Aztecs in 1300 AD.

16th century

Region: South America Leading producers: The

Spaniards

Quintessence: On his fourth voyage to America, Columbus and the Spanish colonialist, Hérnan Cortés, looted a

native canoe filled with cocoa beans. They took it to Spain, but the cocoa beans did not gain prominence there until the 1500s when it was used for medical purposes like curing stomach aches, asthma, bronchitis and digestion problems.

17th century

Region: America

Leading producers: Switzerland Quintessence: In 1641,

chocolate was brought to America on a Spanish ship. The value of the much sought after delicacy became quite evident when it began to be used as a mode of payment to soldiers during the revolutionary wars and was

even distributed to the military as ration.

Region: Britain and America



18th century

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Leading producers: English, Dutch,

Spanish, and French

Quintessence: The development of the

first water-powered machinery to grind cocoa, and the founding of the chocolate company,

> Fry's, steered the production of cocoa into the industrial era in

1726. Soon followed the invention of Dutch chocolate which mixed alkaline salt and milk to the chocolate to reduce

its bitterness.

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Swedish scientist Carl von Linné identified three types of cocoa called -Criollo, Forastero, and Trinitario.

It took Daniel Peters eight years to figure out the recipe for chocolate milk

Leading producers: Swiss and Britishers Quintessence: In 1850, cocoa powder was created by the Swiss chocolatier Daniel Peters and in 1875, labels like Nestle, Cadbury, and Hershey created the present forms of chocolate. Mars Wrigley Confectionery is the biggest distributor of chocolate, creating a 22 billion USD empire from it. Cadbury Dairy

Milk is the most sold chocolate product.

19th century - present



