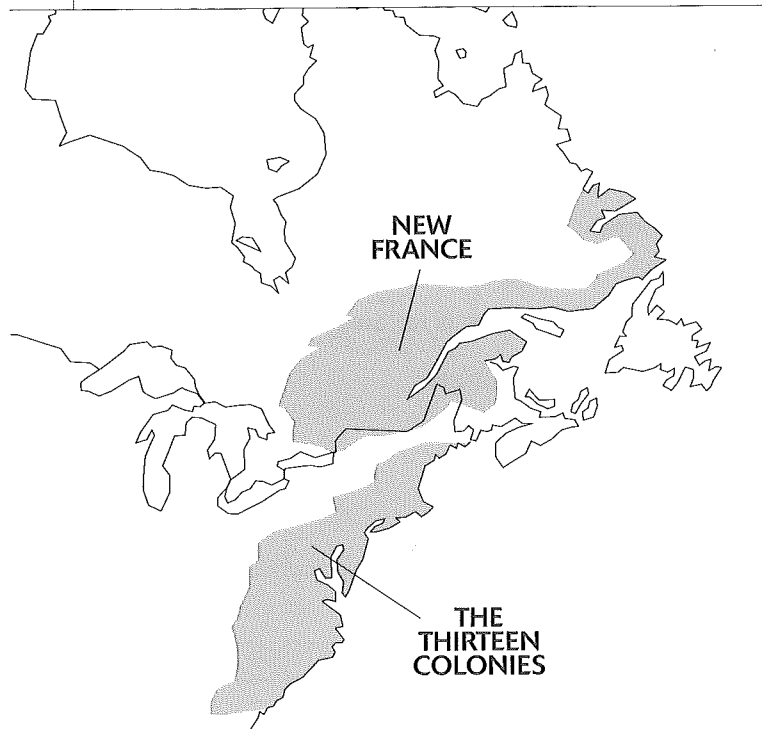


UNIT 3

BRITISH RULE



French and British Settlement

When French people were settling in Canada, British people were settling in parts of the United States. At that time, thirteen parts of the eastern United States were colonies of Britain. They were loosely called the **thirteen** colonies.

In the 1700s, Britain wanted to own the colonies in Canada, too. At that time, the colonies in parts of Canada were owned by France. They were called New France.

France and England at War

France and England both wanted to own parts of Canada. They went to war. In 1763, England won the war. The French colonies in Canada became British colonies. Britain called the colonies British North America.

The French people wanted to keep their language and customs. The British government agreed. A law called the **Quebec Act** described how the French people's way of life would be protected.

More British People Came to Canada

Later, more and more British people came to Canada. They came from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Other British people came from what is now the United States.

Why Did People Move to Canada from the United States?

Most of the people in the thirteen colonies wanted to be independent from Britain. In 1776, they became independent. The colonies became the United States of America, or the U.S.A. But some British people there didn't want independence. They wanted to stay loyal to England. They were called **Loyalists**. Many Loyalists came to Canada because Canada was still a British colony. Most of them moved to Ontario and the Atlantic provinces.

The French and the British in Canada

There were many conflicts between the French and the British in Canada. They spoke two different languages. They had different customs and different religions.

Today, there are still conflicts between French-speaking and English-speaking Canada.

Understand What You Read

A Circle the Correct Answer

- Before 1763, French settlements in Canada were called
 - the thirteen colonies.
 - Canada.
 - New France.
- British settlements in the United States were called
 - the thirteen colonies.
 - Canada.
 - New France.
- New France became a British colony in
 - 1776.
 - 1763.
 - 1534.
- The thirteen colonies became independent from Britain in
 - 1776.
 - 1763.
 - 1534.
- The Loyalists came to Canada because they wanted
 - independence.
 - to live in the United States.
 - to remain British.

B Fill in the Blanks

colony • New France • United States • thirteen
independent • French • language • British

- Before 1763, parts of Canada were _____ colonies.
- The French colonies in Canada were called _____.
- Parts of the United States were _____ colonies.
- There were _____ British colonies in the United States.
- In 1763, New France became a British _____.
- When New France became British, French people were afraid of losing their _____.
- In 1776, the thirteen colonies became _____ from Britain.
- After 1776, the thirteen colonies became the _____.

C Answer the Questions

1. Why did France and England go to war in Canada?

2. Who won the war?

3. When did the French colonies become British colonies?

4. What did Britain call its new colony in what is now Canada?

5. What law made sure French people in Canada could keep their language and customs?

6. When did the thirteen colonies become independent from Britain?

7. Why did the Loyalists come to Canada?

8. Where did the Loyalists come to Canada from?

9. Where in British North America did the Loyalists settle?

10. After Canada became a British colony, more English-speaking people came to Canada. Where did they come from?

D Discuss

Today, Canada is officially bilingual. Canada's languages are English and French. Do you think it is important for all Canadians to learn to speak French and English? Why?