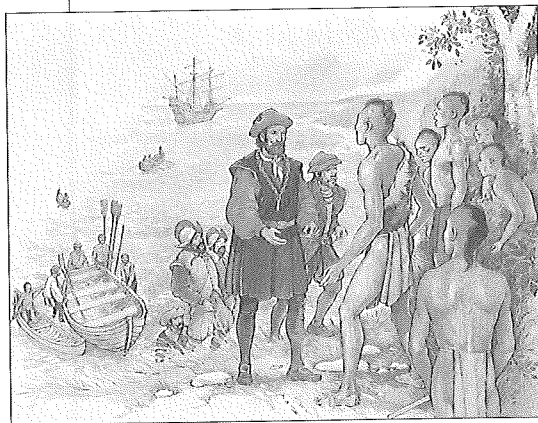
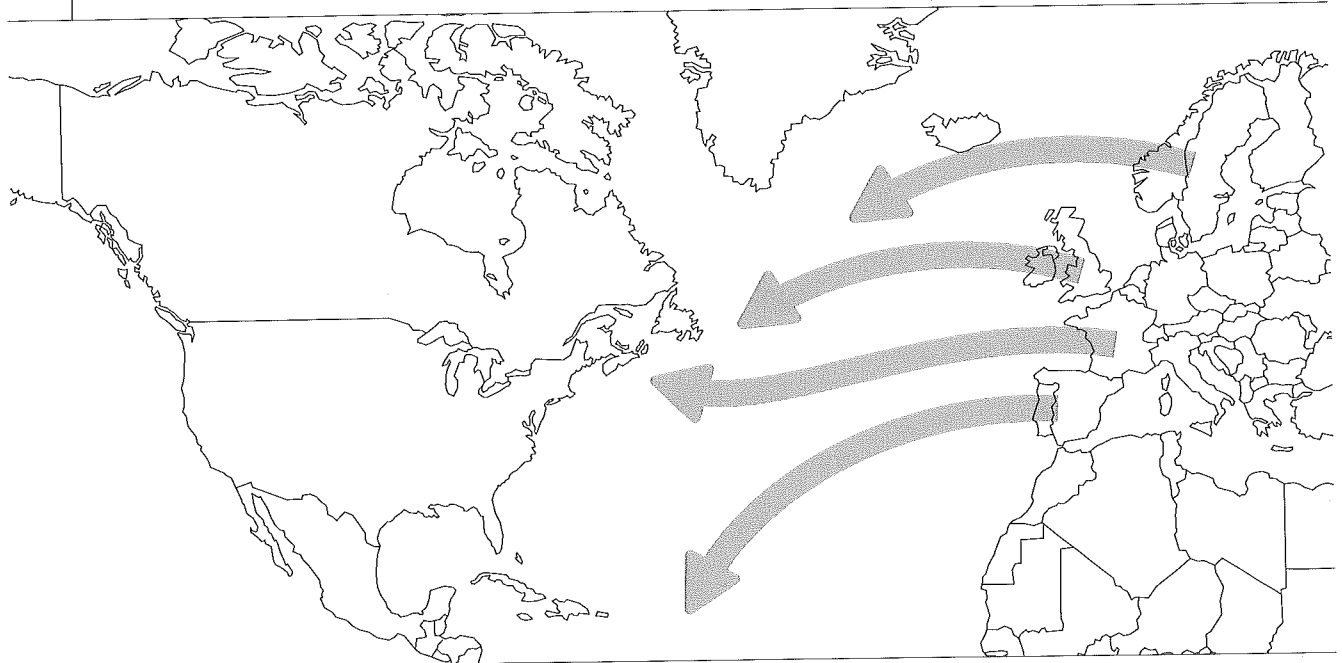


# UNIT 2

## NEW FRANCE

Thousands of years after Aboriginal people lived in Canada, European explorers arrived in Canada. They sailed to eastern Canada from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, England and France.

One famous French explorer was Jacques Cartier. He sailed to eastern Canada in 1534. He learned that the Aboriginal word for village was **Kanata**. Many people think this is why our country is called Canada.



### French Settlement in the 1500s, 1600s and 1700s

The French government wanted eastern Canada to be its colony. France sent people to live in Canada. French people settled in parts of the Atlantic Region and Quebec. The French government called the settlements **New France**.

### What Did the Settlers Do?

Some settlers farmed the land. Others traded with Aboriginal peoples. The most important trade was in beaver furs. Europeans wanted beaver furs to make hats. Aboriginal people wanted tools, weapons and cloth.

Some French fur traders had children with Aboriginal people. Their children and descendants are called the Métis people.

By the 1700s, thousands of French settlers lived in New France. Most of them lived in southern Quebec.

## Understand What You Read

### A Match

Write the correct letter on the lines to match the words with their meanings.

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|-----------------------|--|
| _____ New France      | a) A famous French explorer                          |
| _____ Colony          | b) French colonies in Canada                         |
| _____ Beaver furs     | c) People who move to a new undeveloped land to live |
| _____ Settlers        | d) Land a country owns that is far away              |
| _____ Jacques Cartier | e) Used to make hats in Europe                       |

### B Answer the Questions

1. Where were the early European explorers from?

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2. When did Jacques Cartier sail to Canada?

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3. Where did the word **Canada** come from?

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4. Why did the French government want people to settle in Canada?

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5. What did France call its colonies in Canada?

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6. Where did the French people settle in Canada?

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7. What did the French people do in Canada?

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### C Discuss

1. Why do you think countries want colonies? Was your country of origin a colony?
2. How do you think Aboriginal people felt when Europeans came to Canada?