

New France and the Fur Trade: I Can Statements

1. I can explain why European explorers came to North America and from where they came.
2. I can describe what European explorers did when they came to North America (fur traders, missionaries).
3. I can explain the impact of European exploration on North America.
4. I can describe how the fur trade worked and the advantages for each group.
5. I can discuss the colony of New France, including its government, what life was like, and the seigneurial system.
6. I can define the following key terms:
 - Hudson's Bay Company (HBC): the oldest commercial corporation in North America; once a major player in the fur trade, it is still in business today as a department store retailer.
 - Rupert's Land: a territory consisting of the drainage basin of Hudson Bay.
 - North West Company: the Hudson's Bay Company's main rival in the fur trade; based in Montreal.
 - Hivernants: employees of the North West Company who lived in the Northwest year-round.
 - Voyageur: someone hired to transport goods by canoe from one trading post to another.
 - Portage: to carry boats and goods around dangerous parts of a river.
 - Metis: a person of both Aboriginal and European descent.