

Chapter 2: Europeans Establish Colonies

Section 2: The French Empire

Key Terms

Northwest Passage: *was believed to be a water route through the Americas to Asia, explored by Jacques Cartier*

Quebec: *French colony founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain*

Metis: *children of French-native marriages*

coureurs du bois: *French men who adopted native culture*

Key People

Samuel de Champlain: *Founder of Quebec, 1608, fought Iroquois at the request of their native trading partners, as a result there were some long term consequences*

Jacques Cartier: *explored the Northwest Passage*

Robert de La Salle: *founder of Louisiana and New Orleans*

Key Ideas

What was France's motive for colonization? *They did not want to be eclipsed by Spain*

What were they looking for initially? *Gold and silver*

When they did not find what they were looking for, what did they trade instead? *Furs*

What type of relationship did France and some Native American tribes have with each other?

Codependent but it did not apply to all, Iroquois left out

Why did Champlain attack the Iroquois? *Native trading partners asked for his help*

What were some of the long term consequences of this action?

1. *Constant Iroquois raids in New France*

2. *Native Americans changed their battle tactics*

How was life in New France? *Very slow growth, not great*

Was it any different in Louisiana? *No*

What was Louisiana's main purpose? *Military Base*