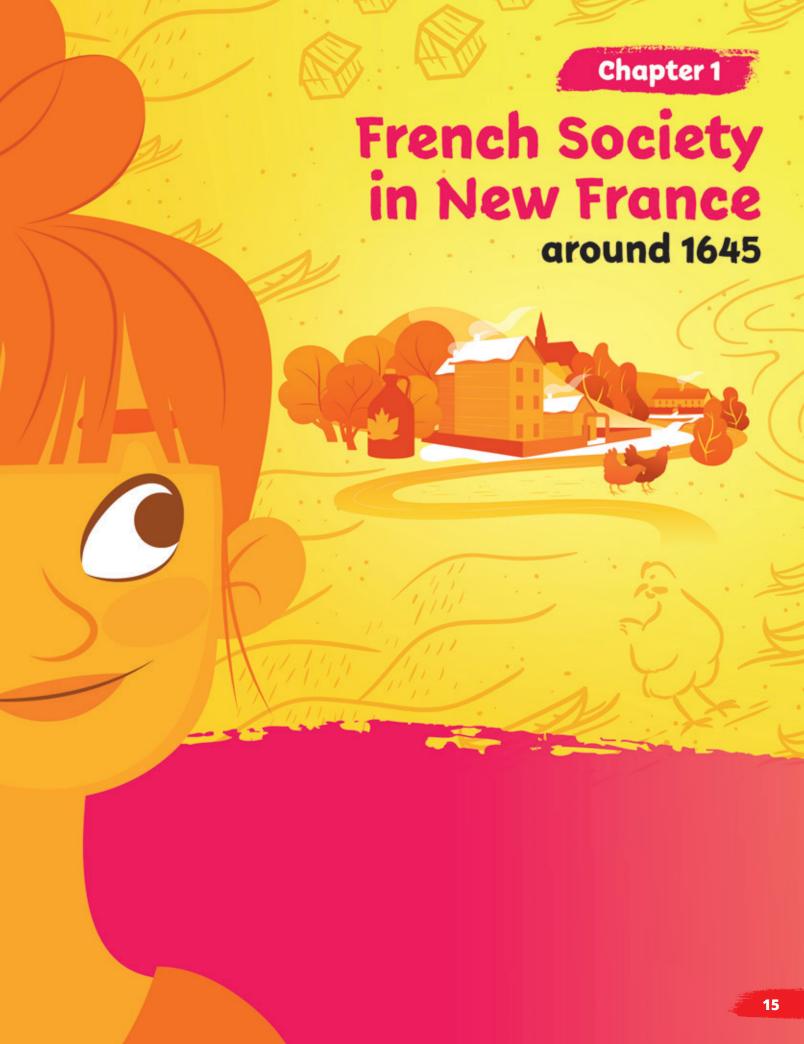




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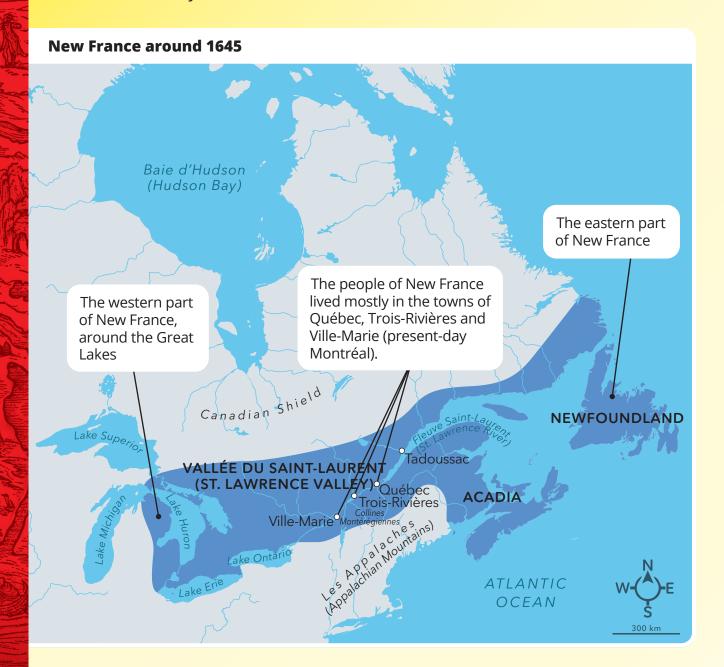
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A Big Territory

Around 1645, New France included Newfoundland, Acadia and the region of the St. Lawrence Valley. It was a large area of land, but very few people lived there.

Most of the population of New France was concentrated in the St. Lawrence Valley.

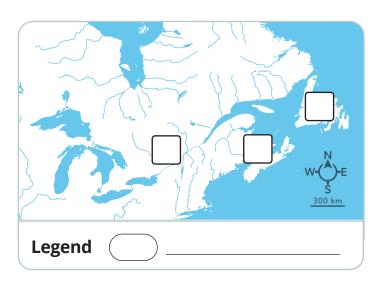


Read the map on page 16 to answer questions A to E.



- ⚠ Which region of New France was ...
 - the farthest to the east? ____
 - the central part of the territory?
 - the farthest to the west?
- **B** Which river ran across New France?
- **Q** Name two towns in New France.
- **Match** the sentence beginnings and ends.
 - The Collines Montérégiennes lay
 - The Appalachian Mountains stood •
 - The Canadian Shield stretched
- to the southeast.
- north of the St. Lawrence Valley.
- in the area of Ville-Marie.

- On the map to the right:
 - **colour** the territory of New France.
 - complete the legend.
 - write the numbers of the following regions in the correct places.
 - 1. Acadia
 - 2. Newfoundland
 - 3. The St. Lawrence Valley



The St. Lawrence Valley

The St. Lawrence Valley (also called the St. Lawrence Lowlands) is a plain. The valley contained some of the most fertile land in all of New France. The people who lived there could build successful farms.

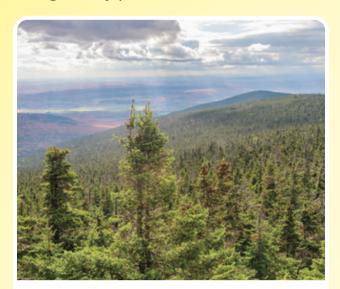
The region also features a few hills, which are almost all near Montréal (Ville-Marie in the early days of New France). The hills are called the Collines Montérégiennes.



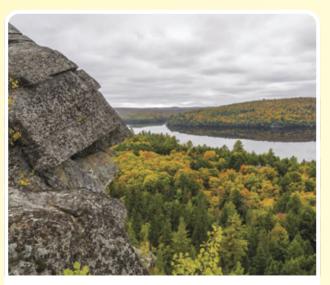
Farmland in the St. Lawrence Valley, with the Collines Montérégiennes in the background

Mountains and a Rocky Plateau

A large mountain chain, the Appalachians, rose up in the southeast of New France. A huge rocky plateau, the Canadian Shield, covered the area north of the valley.



The Appalachian Mountains. This large mountain chain lies southeast of the historic territory. The relief of the region includes fertile valleys and mountains with rounded tops.



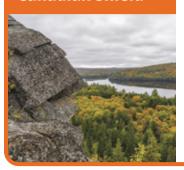
The Canadian Shield. This region lies north of the St. Lawrence Valley. It is a huge rocky plateau covered in forest. It is difficult, and sometimes impossible, to farm the rocky land of the Canadian Shield.

0	Choose the types of relief foun	d in the St. Lawrence '	Valley. Toolbox, page 7	
	A plain	A desert	A rocky plateau	
	Very high peaks	Hills	A valley	

Complete the three region cards, using the words from the word box.

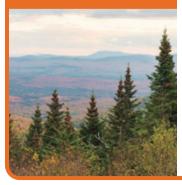


Canadian Shield



- Location: ______ of New France
- Relief: ______ covered in forest
- Land: _____
- Important body of water:

Appalachian Mountains



- Location: ______ of New France
- Relief: _____ and valleys
- Land: _____ in the valleys
- Important body of water:

St. Lawrence Valley



- Location: ______of New France
- Relief: _____ and a few hills
- Land: _____
- Important body of water:

in the middle

north

southeast

fertile

very fertile

not very fertile

mountain chain

plain

rocky plateau

St. Lawrence River

Rivière Saguenay

Rivière Saint-François

The Climate and the Vegetation

The Climate of the St. Lawrence Valley

The St. Lawrence Valley has a humid continental climate. The main features of this type of climate are big differences in temperature between seasons, and high **precipitation** all year long.

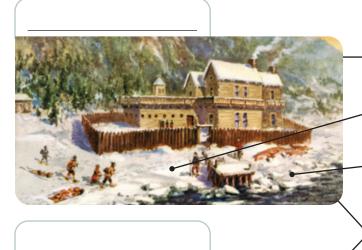
During the long winters, the cold is intense. It snows a lot, and lakes and rivers freeze over. The summers are short, hot and humid.

precipitation: any form of water that falls from the sky (snow, rain, mist, etc.)

1 Look at the illustrations below. They represent the habitation of Samuel de Champlain, the founder of the town of Québec, in different seasons.

Write the words from the word box in the correct labels.

high humidity high precipitation ice long and cold short and hot snow summer winter





The Vegetation

The vegetation in the historic territory of New France is highly varied. The St. Lawrence Valley contains mostly mixed forest. This type of forest is made up of deciduous trees, such as maples and birches, as well as conifers, such as pine and spruce trees.

North of the St. Lawrence Valley and in some parts of the Appalachian Mountains, the mixed forest is replaced by boreal forest. This type of forest is made up of conifers, such as pine, spruce and fir trees.





An elm and an oak, two types of deciduous trees found in mixed forest





Fir trees and larches, two types of conifers found in boreal forest

- 2 Name two types of forest that covered the area that was New France.
- Cook at the photos below.
 Write D if the photo shows a deciduous tree, and C if it shows a conifer.











Maple

Larch

Pine

fur-bearing: having a coat of fur, especially fur that can be sold







A mink

A deer

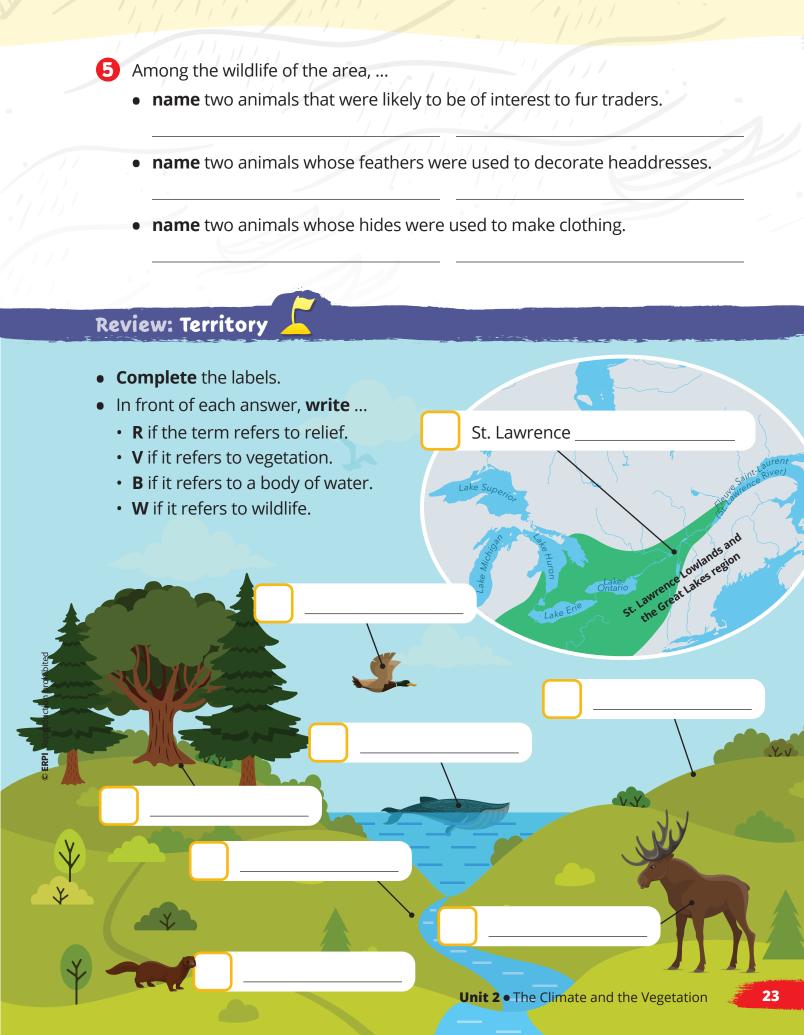
A Canada goose

The St. Lawrence River and the many other lakes and rivers of the colony were full of different types of fish, such as eels, pike, sturgeons and salmon. Marine mammals such as whales and porpoises could be found in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Porpoises and eels lived in the salt water of the St. Lawrence River.

4 Fill in the table.

Large Land Mammals	Small Fur-Bearing Mammals		
DeerMoose	BeaverMuskrat		
Birds	Large Marine Mammals		
HeronPartridge	PorpoiseSeal		
Fish			
• Eel • Sturgeon •	•		



Settling the Land

The First Settlements: Trading Posts

The first settlements in New France were trading posts. The first trading post was Tadoussac, which was founded by Pierre de Chauvin in 1600. In 1645, the most important trading post was at Trois-Rivières. More furs were traded there than anywhere else. However, since the fur trade did not require many employees, the population of Trois-Rivières was still very small in 1645. Only a few dozen people lived in the settlement at that time.



Trading posts consisted of several buildings (houses, a store, a warehouse, etc.), surrounded by a high **palisade**. They were built at places where the French tended to trade with the Aboriginal people.

1 Fill in the settlement cards.

palisade: wooden fence put up around a building to defend it

Tadoussac

Year:

Founder:

Purpose:

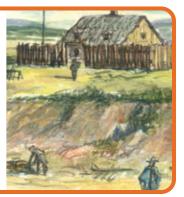


Trois-Rivières

Year:

Founder:

Purpose:





Sieur de Laviolette (c. 1600-?) Founder of Trois-Rivières

Neither his first name nor the dates of his birth and death are known today. In 1634, Samuel de Champlain sent him to found a trading post at Trois-Rivières. © ERPI Reproduction prohibited



The First Permanent Settlement: Québec

In 1608, Samuel de Champlain founded Québec. In 1645, Québec was the largest settlement in New France.

In addition to serving as a trading post, Québec was the administrative centre of the colony. The governor lived in Québec, and it was the governor who ran the colony for the king of France. He made all the important decisions about colonial life. In 1645, nearly two out of three colonists lived in Québec. A few families of farmers had also settled in the area around the town. They had begun **clearing** the land and growing crops.

clear (land): prepare land for farming by removing trees and wild plants



In 1645, Québec was both a trading post and the colony's administrative centre.

3	Choose the descriptions that fit Québec around 1645.
	The largest settlement in the colony
	The administrative centre of the colony
	The first settlement founded in New France
	A place for trading furs
	The place where the governor lived
	A settlement where only a few traders lived

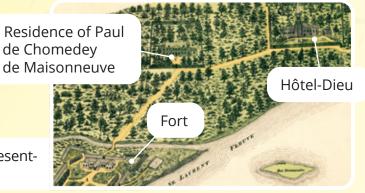
A Settlement for Converting Aboriginal People: Ville-Marie

In 1645, there was a very recent settlement in the colony: Ville-Marie. It had been founded in 1642 by Paul de Chomedey de Maisonneuve and Jeanne Mance with the intention of **converting** Aboriginal people to Catholicism. When Ville-Marie was founded, about 50 people settled there.

The buildings in the settlement were surrounded by a high palisade. It was a dangerous place to settle because it was close to Iroquois territory, and this Aboriginal nation was an enemy of the French. The Iroquois attacked Ville-Marie several times.

Nonetheless, the town grew rapidly.

convert: convince a person to adopt another religion



Ville-Marie was founded in 1642 on the presentday Île de Montréal, at Pointe-à-Callière.

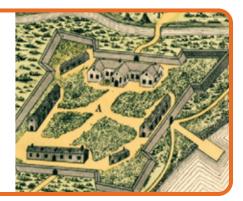
Fill in the settlement cards.

Ville-Marie

Year: _____

Founders:

Purpose: _____

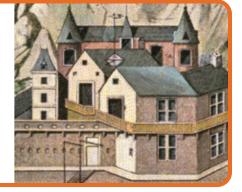


Québec

Year: _____

Founder: _____

Purpose:



French Society in New France around 1645

Territory



- St. Lawrence Valley, Acadia, Newfoundland
- Relief: plain with hills, Appalachian Mountains and Canadian Shield (plateau)
- Many lakes and rivers
- Boreal and mixed forests
- Humid continental climate

Population



- First settlements: trading posts
- Tadoussac, Québec, Trois-Rivières and Ville-Marie
- A few families of farmers near Québec
- About 600 French colonists, including tradesmen and workers on contract (engagés)

Way of Life

- Difficult life because of the harsh climate
- Dependence on the mother country for many goods
- Poorly insulated wooden houses, usually with only one room



- Religion: Catholic; supported by the presence of missionaries (Récollets and Jesuits) and nuns (Ursulines and Augustinians)
- Food: farm produce (wheat, vegetables, fruit), meat (beef and pork), eggs, milk, game and fish
- Clothing made of wool and cotton
- Transportation: canoes, snowshoes, toboggans

Economic Activities / Authorities



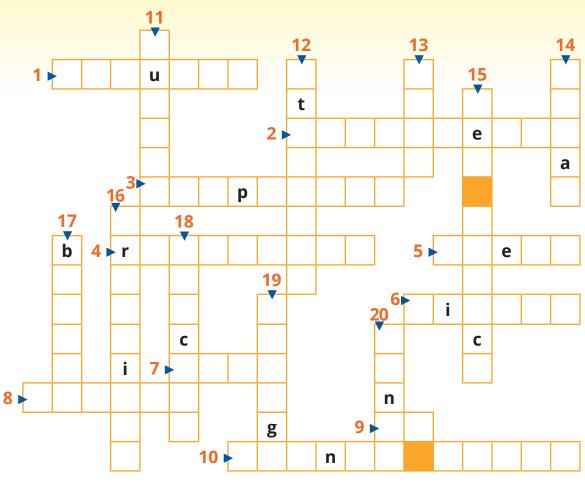
- Main economic activity: fur trading at Tadoussac, Trois-Rivières, Québec and Ville-Marie
- New type of trader: coureur de bois
- Authorities: king of France, Company of One Hundred Associates, governor general

CHAPTER 1 Crossword

French Society in New France around 1645

Read the definitions.

Write the corresponding words in the crossword.



- 1. Religious order of many missionaries
- 2. Founder of Trois-Rivières: de _____
- 3. Type of tradesman
- **4.** Important shareholder in the Company of One Hundred Associates: de
- 5. Staple of the early colonists' diet
- 6. Difficult season for the colonists
- **7.** He had the last word in every decision about New France.
- 8. Mother country of the colonists
- 9. Animal used for farm work
- **10.** Founded Ville-Marie with Paul de Chomedey de Maisonneuve (two words)
- 11. The largest settlement in 1645

- **12.** Ocean bordering on the territory of New France around 1645
- **13.** Cloth used to make clothes
- **14.** Main crop grown in New France
- **15.** Huge sparsely populated colony in 1645 (two words)
- **16.** One of the first religious communities of women in New France
- **17.** Type of exchange that the coureurs de bois made with Aboriginal people
- 18. Farm bird
- **19.** Worker who came to New France on a three-year contract
- **20.** Commonly used means of transportation in 1645