



B Other Europeans Explore

European kings wanted to find a water route to the riches of Asia. They also hoped that there were riches in the lands of the Americas.

Verrazano was not the only explorer sent to North America by a French king. In 1534 King Francis I of France sent Jacques Cartier (ZHAHK kahr TYAY) to explore North America. Cartier sailed up the St. Lawrence River. This river flows from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. Cartier hoped that this river might be the famous Northwest Passage. He claimed the valley of the river for France.

The French in New York

Samuel de Champlain (duh sham PLAYN) was another French explorer.

In 1608 he set up a **trading post**—a place to trade products with others. Quebec, the name of Champlain’s trading post, became a French **colony**. A colony is a place ruled by another country. In 1609 Champlain explored what is now northern New York with some Algonquian guides. He saw and named Lake Champlain.

The French Make an Enemy

During this journey, Champlain’s group met some Iroquois, who were enemies of the Algonquian. The French had guns, which the Iroquois had never seen before. They helped the Algonquian defeat the Iroquois. This defeat made the Iroquois into enemies of the French for years to come.

Henry Hudson

The Dutch, people from the Netherlands, hired an English sea captain named Henry Hudson. In September 1609, Hudson sailed up the Hudson River. He hoped he had found a Northwest Passage to Asia. However, what Hudson explored was a large river. The river was later named for Hudson.

Hudson met and traded with Native Americans called the Lenni Lenape. The Lenape called Hudson’s ship a “very large house,” which is probably how his brightly-painted ship looked.

Hudson wrote:

“The land was pleasant with grass and flowers . . . We found very loving people . . .”

Although Henry Hudson did not find a Northwest Passage, his reports of rich soil and friendly people encouraged the Dutch to start a very important colony.

QUICK CHECK What did European explorers find in North America? *Main Ideas and Details*

What You Learned

- A Christopher Columbus and other Europeans reached the Americas while searching for a sea route from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.
- B Other European explorers explored north on the Hudson River and south from Canada into what is now New York.

Focus Lesson Review

1. **Focus Question** Why were Europeans exploring land in New York?
2. **Vocabulary** Describe French voyages using these vocabulary terms.

colony	Northwest Passage
explorer	trading post
3. **Geography** What geographic features in New York are named for explorers?
4. **Critical Thinking Make Decisions** Think about the explorers’ descriptions of land in New York. Why do you think people settled in New York?

5. Reading Strategy Summarize

How did Native Americans and Champlain work together?

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6. **Write About THE BIG IDEA** Write a paragraph describing what you think European explorers and Native Americans might have learned about each other at their first meetings.
7. **Reading Primary Sources** What have you learned about the Native Americans’ reactions to the European explorers?