The Clash of Empires

Part 1- The Expanding French Empire

-France gained a foothold in   when Samuel Champlain started the fur-trading post of   in 1608.  This became known as  .

-New France was the land around the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In 1642, farther upriver from Quebec, another fur-trading post was started named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Soon it would become the center of the fur trade.

-By the mid-1600s, most of the French living here were male \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Most of them were here only temporarily, unlike the English settlers who were making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ homes in America.​

-France’s North American empire was based on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trade.

-For the fur trade to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, France needed the Native Americans to cooperate with them. This affected how the French \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Native Americans.

-Typically, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ treated the Native Americans better than other Europeans. Fur traders got along with Native Americans, often living in Indian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and marrying Native American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and canoeists were the well-known French fur traders in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-​The government of France wanted to establish a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ colony of farming families in the St. Lawrence River \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They encouraged families to move to New France, and by 1700, the population grew to about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.​

-The French continued to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ North America with the goal of expanding their empire and possibly finding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Passage.​

-In 1669 a Frenchman named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ travelled from Lake Ontario south to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River and followed it almost to where it flows into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River.​

-In 1673, fur trader \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and missionary priest Louis Joliet set out from Lake Michigan to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River and finally to the Mississippi River and travelled south as far as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River.​

-These \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came about from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Native Americans told about unknown rivers and "great waters". ​

-With \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gathered from these expeditions, La Salle wanted to try to reach the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Mississippi River for purposes of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.​

-With permission from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of France, in 1679 La Salle and his team set out on their journey. In April of 1682, they reached the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.​

-La Salle called all the land of the Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.​

-La Salle wanted to build a string of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ along the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.​

-In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, La Salle set out to build a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the mouth of the Mississippi, but his expedition met with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ended up killing him in 1787.​

-In 1699, led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the French tried again and built their first fort at present-day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mississippi.

-Over the years, other forts were built along the lower Mississippi including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1718. ​

-In time, even more forts were built to link the two settled parts of \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. France now held the two main access points to the American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the St. Lawrence River and the mouth of the Mississippi River.​

- EXIT QUESTION:

What helped France in exploring the interior of the North American continent? Why was this important?​

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