

JACQUES CARTIER and HIS THREE VOYAGES (1534 – 1542)



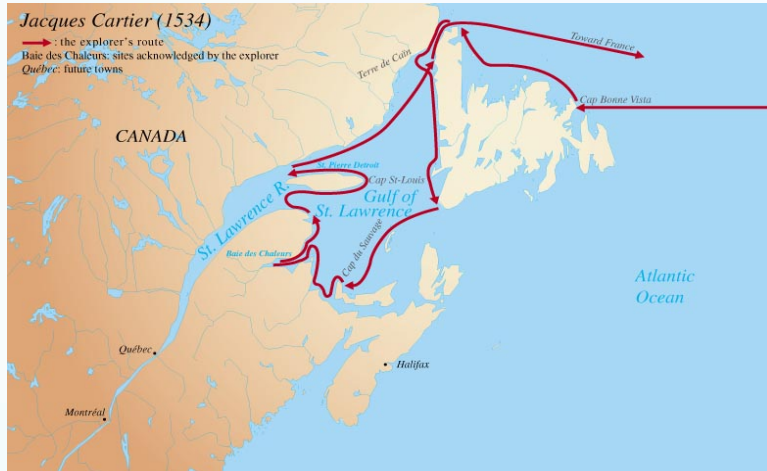
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CARTIER' S MISSION IN "AMERICA"

- ✓ Verrazano sent to discover route to China for France but stumbled upon east coast of North America and explored it in 1524.
- ✓ King Francois I of France sent Cartier to explore North America 10 years after Verrazano.
- ✓ **CARTIER' S MISSION:**
 - 1) Find route to Asia/China
 - 2) Bring back riches/gold
 - 3) Take possession of territory for France
 - 4) Set up a colony
 - 5) Convert Natives to Roman Catholicism

CARTIER'S FIRST VOYAGE: APRIL 20TH 1534



- ❖ Explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence
- ❖ Dubbed coast of Labrador, “the Land God Gave Cain”
- ❖ Named P.E.I., “the fairest land ‘tis possible to see”
- ❖ Continued to sail westward to coast of N.B., met Micmac tribe and traded goods
- ❖ Landed in **Gaspe** coast, planted **cross** in the name of the **French King** and claimed **territory** for France
- ❖ Encountered group of Iroquois who were upset at Cartier for planting cross
- ❖ Kidnapped Chief Donnacona’s 2 sons & brought them back to France

First Voyage



CARTIER'S SECOND VOYAGE: 1535 - 1536

- ② The 2 kidnapped Native boys were taught French and became guides for Cartier
- ② To return home the 2 boys told Cartier of a magical kingdom called “Saguenay”(i.e. GOLD!!)
- ② Sailed up St. Lawrence to Stadacona (Quebec). Encountered Chief Donnacona...cold reception!!!
- ② Later sailed to Hochelaga (Montreal), met Iroquois. Strong village of 50 longhouses and fortified palisade walls



Second Voyage

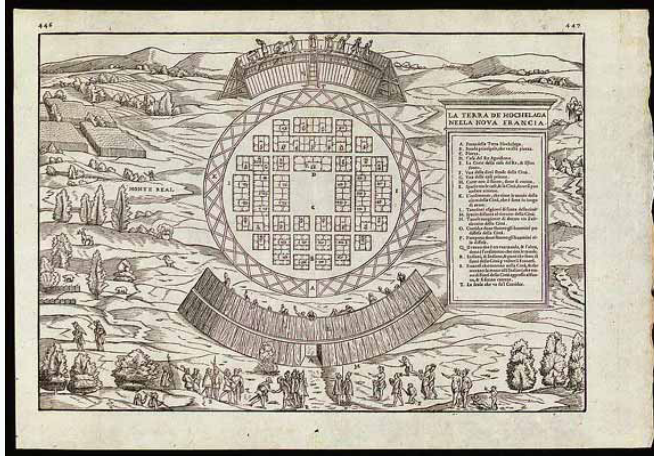


CARTIER'S SECOND VOYAGE:

1535 – 1536 cont'd

- ② Planted another cross on a forested hill he called "Mount Royal"
- ② Spent winter at Stadacona where SCURVY ravaged his crew. Luckily, Natives felt sorry for them and cured them by boiling cedar bark (anneda)
- ② Thanked the Natives by kidnapping 10 of their people, including Chief Donnacona!!
- ② Europeans could not withstand climate and left for France

CARTIER'S THIRD VOYAGE: 1541 - 1542



Attempted a settlement at Cap-Rouge (west of Que. City), but failed. Natives turned against him...I wonder why? Climate was harsh.

Cartier felt he had had enough and decides to return home. On his way he meets Sieur de Roberval in St. John's going where Cartier has already been to set-up another settlement. Cartier tells him to shove it and takes off for France like a bat out of hell!!!

CARTIER'S THIRD VOYAGE:

1541 – 1542 *cont'd*

- ❖ To add insult to injury, Cartier's gold turned out to be iron pyrites (fool's gold ,or *faux comme un diamant du Canada*), and his diamonds mere quarts!!!
- ❖ First attempts at settlement were a disaster. France lost interest in North America for 70 years

Reasons For Failure

- 1) too cold!!!
- 2) Native Attacks
- 3) No riches found