

Who We Are - The First Europeans (History)

THE FIRST EUROPEANS

The Vikings from Iceland who colonized Greenland 1,000 years ago also reached Labrador and the island of Newfoundland. The remains of their settlement, l'Anse aux Meadows, are a World Heritage site.

European exploration began in earnest in 1497 with the expedition of John Cabot, who was the first to draw a map of Canada's East Coast.

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VIKINGS



l'Anse aux Meadows, N.L.
(World Heritage Site)



JOHN CABOT



John Cabot
A detail from "The departure of John and Sebastian Cabot from Bristol on their first voyage of discovery, 1481" by an anonymous English painter, 18th c.

John Cabot, an Italian immigrant to England, was the first to map Canada's Atlantic shore, setting foot on Newfoundland or Cape Breton Island in 1497 and claiming the *New Founde Land* for England. English settlement did not begin until 1610

WH QUESTIONS

1. Who colonized Greenland?

colonized =

answer:

2. When was Greenland colonized?

Greenland =

answer:

3. Which province did the vikings reach in Canada?

vikings =

answer:

4. What is l'Anse aux Meadows?

answer:

5. When did European exploration begin in Canada?

exploration =

answer:

6. Who drew the first map of Canada?

answer:

7. Where was John Cabot originally from?

answer:

8. When did English settlement begin in Canada?

settlement:

answer: