

Explorers Meet Indigenous Peoples

Vocabulary

indigenous	explorers	resources	furs	buffalo
iron	firearms	culture	trade	disease

Indigenous people live in North America today. They lived in North America for thousands of years before European **explorers** arrived. European explorers came to North America in the 1500's. They went to the Eastern shores of North America to build homes.



Europeans knew about the **resources** in the new world of North America. They heard about:

1. Fishing 
2. Furs 

Many countries in Europe wanted to explore the new world. The two countries that explored in Canada were France and England. The explorers wanted to **trade** with the Indigenous people.

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They wanted to take their furs back to Europe. They brought their own goods from Europe to trade with the indigenous people. They brought things made of **iron** as well as **firearms** (guns).



The Explorers made a company to trade goods. It was called the **Hudson's Bay Trading Company**. This company is still in Canada today.



The explorers changed life for indigenous people. It changed the way they killed the buffalo for food. New diseases from Europe came to Canada and many indigenous people died. The culture of Indigenous people was never the same.

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Name: _____

1. How many years did Indigenous people live in North America before the explorers arrived?
2. What two countries explored Canada?
3. What resources did Europeans want from North America?
4. How did the Europeans get the resources from the Indigenous people?
5. What two things did the Europeans want to trade?
6. What company was made to trade goods?
7. What 3 ways did life change for indigenous people when the explorers came?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.



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