

## Pourquoi est-ce qu'il y a un héritage français dans le Midwest?

### Goals:

- Explain why France wanted to have a colony in North America
- Understand some chronology: When did this happen?
- Recognize the interrelationship between the French and the Native people who lived in this region
- Relate this history to students' home region

### World-Readiness Standards for Learning French:

- Interpretive Communication
  - Presentational Communication
  - Making Connections
  - Cultural Comparisons
  - School and Global Communities
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## Activités

### A. Comprenez-vous? Trouvez des réponses dans le texte.

1. En quel siècle est-ce que les premiers Français arrivent en Amérique du Nord?
2. Pourquoi est-ce que les Français désirent explorer ce territoire et déclarer que c'est un territoire français?
  - a.
  - b.
2. Qu'est-ce que les Français achètent aux Amérindiens en Amérique du Nord pour le vendre en Europe?
3. Combien de tribus amérindiennes est-ce que les Français rencontrent dans la région des Grands Lacs?

Est-ce que vous reconnaissez le nom d'une tribu de votre région en particulier?

4. Pourquoi est-ce que les Français ont besoin des Amérindiens?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

5. Quelles villes sont fondées par les Français au Canada au 17<sup>ème</sup> siècle?
  - a.
  - b.
6. Quand est-ce que la Nouvelle France devient territoire anglais ou espagnol?  
Quelle langue est-ce que les habitants continuent à parler?

**B. Considérez: Réfléchissez, discutez.**

- The newly-arrived French depended on the Native people for many things. Make a list of what the French might have needed for survival, that the Native people knew or had.
- Why do you think the Native people felt that the territory where they lived did not change “owners” even though the French had declared it French territory?
- Why did the “habitants” continue to speak French? Why were fur traders able to continue their work when *la Nouvelle France* changed to British or Spanish hands?
- Are there place names in your area that are of French origin? Are there place names of Native origin? Can you find out more about the reasons for these place names? If they are the names of persons, who were those persons?

**C. Projet**

- Using “ThingLink” or a similar program, put together an interactive map of your area showing when French explorers entered the region. Be sure to indicate what Native tribes these explorers encountered.
- Present your research on your area’s French-related history in a public forum such as a bulletin board or display case, or a program in your school.