

1/FRENCHMAN: The motion of this boat makes me sick. Prisoners of war! I can't believe that an English prison will be where this Frenchman ends his days.

2/ENGLISHMAN: Stop your complaining, Frenchman! This war between the French and English will probably be over before we reach England.

3/CHAMPLAIN: Yes, cheer up, Frenchman. I feel sure we will end our days in Canada. I have grown to love that country.

4/INDIAN: You have spent many years in our land, Champlain. When did you first come to Canada?

3/CHAMPLAIN: I've made over twenty crossings of this ocean, but I'll never forget my first visit to your country, my Indian friend. The year was 1603.

5/GUARD: 1603? That was long before any settlement in the American colonies.

2/ENGLISHMAN: Hold on, Guard. There were some Spanish settlements in Florida, but certainly our colonies at Jamestown and Plymouth were not in existence.

3/CHAMPLAIN: I know, we were ahead of the English in exploring during those early days. I spent the first winters in Nova Scotia on the Bay of Fundy. Our goal was to set up a trading post for furs.

1/FRENCHMAN: Beaver fur for hats was such a valuable trading commodity that the king of France wanted colonies established to promote trade.

- 3/CHAMPLAIN:** After one of my trips back to France, I received the support of a wealthy speculator who wanted me to set up a post further inland which would be closer to the fur supply.
- 4/INDIAN:** That's when we met. You came down the mighty river to the place where the river narrows, the place we called "kebec."
- 2/ENGLISHMAN:** Is that where you got the name of the city?
- 3/CHAMPLAIN:** Yes, Quebec came from the Indian word. We built a fort there and started exploring.
- 5/GUARD:** I've heard much about you and your way with these savages, Champlain.
- 2/ENGLISHMAN:** I've heard you have complete trust in the Indians and that you go on explorations with them. They say you travel with as many as sixty Indians and only a couple of white men. If that tale is true, it seems like a foolish practice to me!
- 3/CHAMPLAIN:** The story is true. My greatest desire is that Indians and white men will live together in peace. I try to understand the Indian ways. I find them good people. We can learn much from them.
- 1/FRENCHMAN:** One thing we learned was how to treat scurvy. Many men were suffering from the disease that causes the gums to swell and the teeth to fall out.