

COLONIES AND CANADA—CHARACTERS

BRITISH EMPIRE—1585 TO 1885

ROANOKE COLONY TO SASKATCHEWAN REBELLION

EXPLORERS

Humphrey Gilbert	1537–1583	Sea-faring adventurer. Founded the first English colony in Canada.
Martin Frobisher	1535–1594	Explored much of Canada in search of the Northwest Passage. Fought in the Armada.
John Davis	1550–1605	British explorer who sought the Northwest Passage through Canada.
Henry Hudson	1575–1611	Explorer who discovered Hudson Bay and other parts of North America.
Jacques Cartier	1491–1557	Discovered the St. Lawrence Seaway and great lakes, while searching for Northwest Passage.
Pere Marquette	1637–1675	French Missionary who explored the Mississippi River from the Great Lakes.
La Salle	1643–1687	Dauntless adventurer who followed the Mississippi to its mouth, and claimed all for France.
William Baffin	1585–1622	Discovered Baffin Bay while on a quest to find the Northwest Passage.
George Vancouver	1757–1798	Discovered Puget Sound, Vancouver Island, Columbia River; claimed region for Britain.
Alexander Mackenzie	1764–1820	Discovered the Mackenzie River and Great Northern Lakes of Canada.

FRENCH HEROES

Samuel de Champlain	1580–1635	Founded French colonies in the St. Lawrence seaway and great lake region. Father of 'New France.'
Count Frontenac	1622–1698	Governor of New France from 1672 to 1698. Expanded fur trade, and fought with British.
Madeline de Vercheres	1678–1747	Fended off a tribe of Indians attacking her for when she was only fourteen.
Daulac	1635–1660	Led a group of volunteers from Montreal to ambush a force of Iroquois. The entire force was killed to a man.
Saint Isaac Jogues	1607–1646	Heroic Jesuit missionary to Indians. Tortured by the Indians, but returned to preach the gospel.
General Montcalm	1712–1759	Governor of New France during the Seven Year War; died at <i>Battle of Quebec</i> .

BRITISH HEROES

General Braddock	1695–1755	Led a disastrous campaign to Fort Duquesne during the French Indian Wars.
General Wolfe	1727–1759	Defeated the French at the <i>Battle of Quebec</i> , giving Canada to Britain. Died during battle.
Lord Durham	1792–1840	Helped draft the Reform bill of 1832. Then recommended a form of self-government for Canada.
Lord Selkirk	1771–1820	Obtained a land grant near Red River valley and help poor Scottish pioneers settle there.
Laura Secord	1775–1868	During War of 1812, warned British of an impending surprise attack.

NATIVE HEROES

Tecumseh	1768–1813	Shawnee Hero. Tried to unify tribes against the colonists. Fought for Britain during War of 1812.
Louis Riel	1844–1885	Leader of the Metis tribes of Manitoba and Saskatchewan who fought for their rights.