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Monts was the first French explorer to establish a permanent settlement in North America. He was a French explorer and politician. He led the first French expedition to the Americas in 1600. He was the first Frenchman to set foot on the continent of North America. He was the first Frenchman to establish a permanent settlement in North America. He was the first Frenchman to establish a permanent settlement in North America.

French Colonies  
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Timeline of Events on p. 93

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1604: Samuel de Champlain arrived

"Europeans had been crossing the Atlantic since 1000 A.D. [CE], and there had been a century of regular visits to Canada before 1608. But it was Champlain who transformed transient contact into a permanent European presence in Canada."

- Christopher Moore (p. 94)

# ***Samuel de Champlain***

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**Who was he?**

- a French explorer
- a skilled writer, geographer, and cartographer. His maps of the St. Lawrence River and Canada's east coast are still valid to this day
- p. 94: Champlain's map he drew in 1632 with the help of the Aboriginal peoples
- A colonizer and a skilled negotiator. He forged alliances with the the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, Montagnais, and Huron peoples. He persuaded people in France to invest in expeditions and to eventually come to Canada

# ***Who Foot the Bill?***

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- Champlain's early expeditions were sponsored by royal, aristocratic, and merchant investors who were looking for riches in either discovering mineral deposits or sea route to the Orient. France was not the only European country looking for wealth in the "New World"
- King Henri IV (4th) sponsored expeditions to regain lost wealth and glory from religious and civil wars.

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# ***Pierre du Gua de Monts***

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- **Traveled from France to Acadia to establish a French colony and permanent trading post**
- **Two RC priests, a Protestant minister, a variety of skilled craftsmen, soldiers, vagabonds, noblemen, and Champlain accompanied him**
- **De Monts was to establish settlements in New France in exchange for an exclusive right to trade with the First Nations people of the region**
- **Appointed as the Lieutenant General "of the coasts, lands and confines of Acadia, Canada, and other places in New France", but in return he had to establish 60 colonists a year and convert the First Nations people to Christianity by supporting the Catholic missionaries**

# Acadia

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- Previous failed attempts at colonization: Tadoussac
- Champlain and De Monts peace agreements with the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet chiefs. They settled near today's Canada and US border at the mouth of the St. Croix River
- The first winter in Acadia was severe. The settlers suffered from malnutrition and many developed and succumbed to scurvy



## **Port Royal Revival**

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- **By 1609, Jean de Biencourt de Poutrincourt returned as seigneur**
- **He was welcomed by Membertou and the settlement was just as it had been left**
- **In 1611, the king sent two Jesuit missionaries to convert the local First Nations people**
- **Gradually, more settlers started to arrive and support themselves by farming and fur trading**