Colonizing North America Notes - Country: France

Motivation to Explore	New ways to reach the riches of Asia. Seeking a Northwest Passage through or around North America.
Leadership	Louis XIV
Who were the explorers and where did they go?	Giovanni da Verrazano - Carolinas to Canada; Jacques Cartier - halfway up the St. Lawrence River; Marquette - Missippi River/Great Lakes;
Settlements (if any?)	Samuel de Champlain founded Port Royal - first permanent French Settlement in North America - 1605; He also founded a trading post known as Quebec. Fort Detroit. New Orleans.
Life in the Settlements	Fishing, trapping, and trading. "Coureurs de bois" - French colonists who lived and worked in the woods. Trade knives, kettle, and cloth with the Native Americans in exchange for beaver skins and furs they could sell for a profit in Europe. Friendly with the Native Americans.
What happened at the settlements? (Were they successful? Why or Why Not?)	They did not try to conquer the Native Americans, they taught them survival skills. Missionaries taught Native Americans how to draw maps and about Christianity. Life was difficult but the settlements they did build were successful. The King of France ruled the new territory with little freedom for
Results/Ramificatio ns of Colonization	New France grew slowly. Most lived as coureurs de bois so they could avoid government control. They maintained a friendly relationship with Native Americans.