

# Notes: Colonizing North America

## **Search for a Northwest Passage**

Which three countries envied Spain's new empire in the Americas?

### **England, France, and the Netherlands**

All three countries sent explorers in search of what?

### **Northwest Passage to Asia**

Which of these were successful? **None**

But they made valuable **MAPS** of North America.

## **Rivalries Among European Nations**

What heightened the rivalry among European nations?

### **Religious differences**

What divided Europe?

### **Protestant Reformation**

Which two powerful European nations were **Catholic**?

### **Spain & France**

Which two powerful European nations were **Protestant**?

### **England & the Netherlands**

## **New France**

Unlike Spain's American empire, New France had **little gold or silver**.

The French profited from **fishing, trapping (furs), and trading**.

Who established friendly relations with the Indians?

### **French**

Describe New France:

**Stretched from the St. Lawrence River (in eastern Canada) to the Great Lakes**

Meanwhile, what were the Spanish doing to the Indians? (Hint: two C's) **CONQUER & CONVERT**

What happened in 1682?

### **LaSalle sailed down the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico**

Why did the French build forts along the Great Lakes and Mississippi River?

### **to keep Spain and England out of Louisiana**

The French built a **fort** at the mouth of the Mississippi River: **New Orleans**

## **New Netherland**

Founded in **1626** | Today known as **New York** | New Amsterdam now known as **New York City**

Dutch main economic rival in America: **France**, over **fur trade**.

Both sought **alliances with rival Indian nations**:

Dutch ▶ **Iroquois**

French ▶ **Huron**

What was the result of the fur trade rivalry?

**increased Indian warfare**