

EXPLORERS & EMPIRES: Discovery and European land claims in the *New World*

1. Create a color key next to each European flag to identify the various land claims in the *New World*
2. Use the maps of Spanish and French exploration, as well as the maps showing English and Dutch land claims, to determine where in the *New World* each country claimed land.
3. Color the land claimed by each country's explorers with the appropriate color. These colored areas represent the different *empires* built by each in the *New World*!

EXPLORERS & EMPIRES COUNTRY KEY



ENGLAND



FRANCE



NETHERLANDS



PORTUGAL

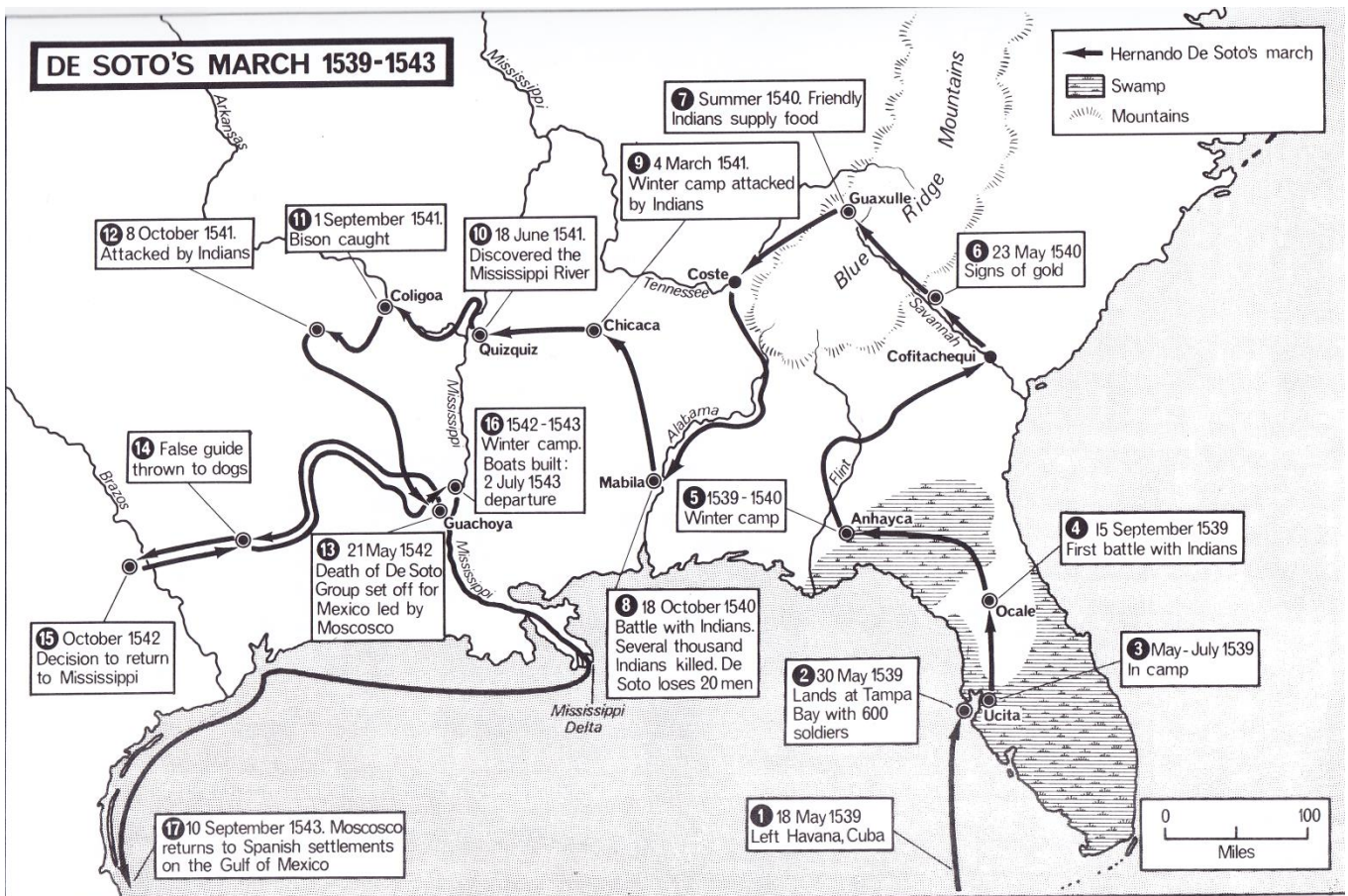
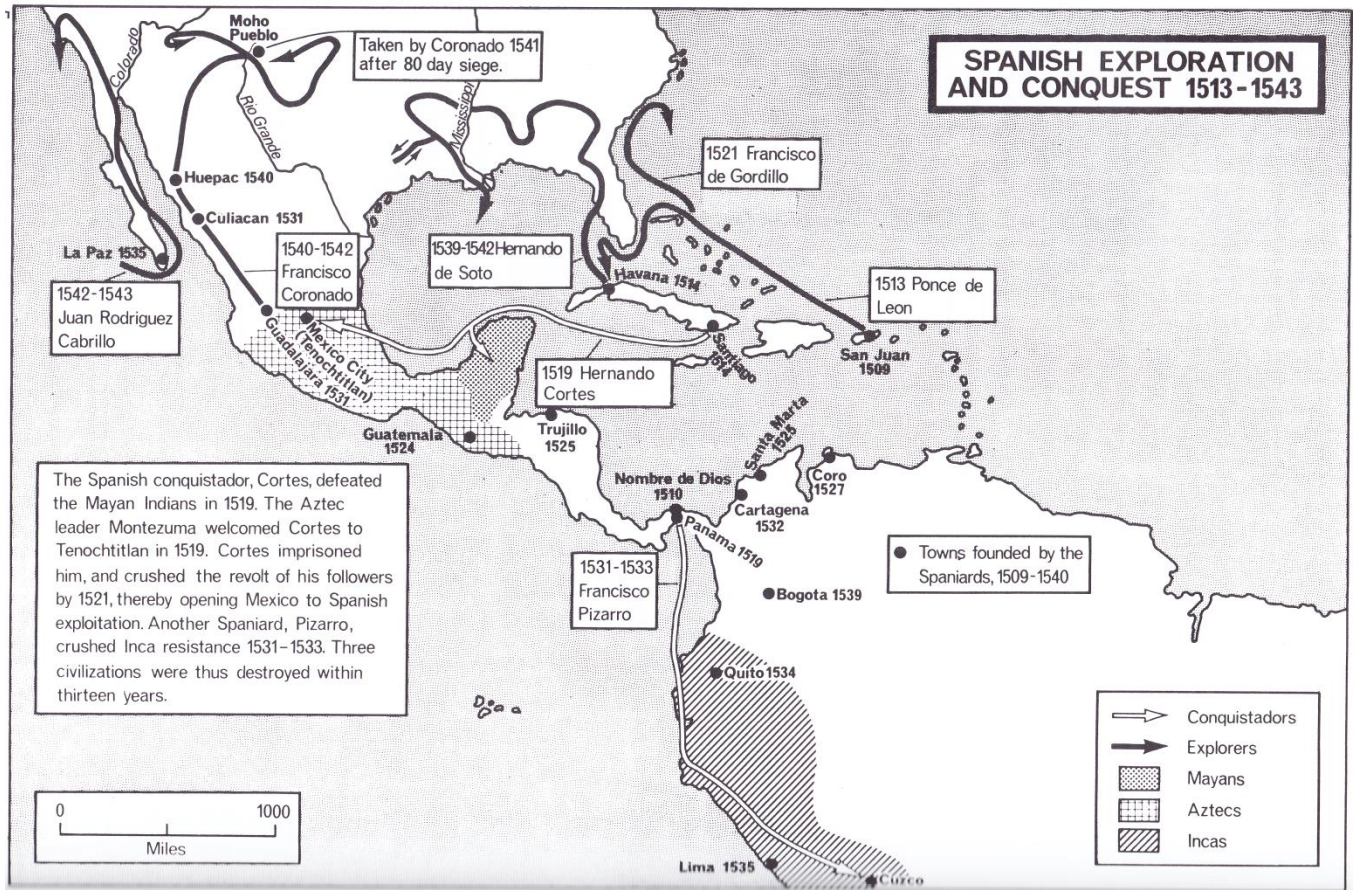


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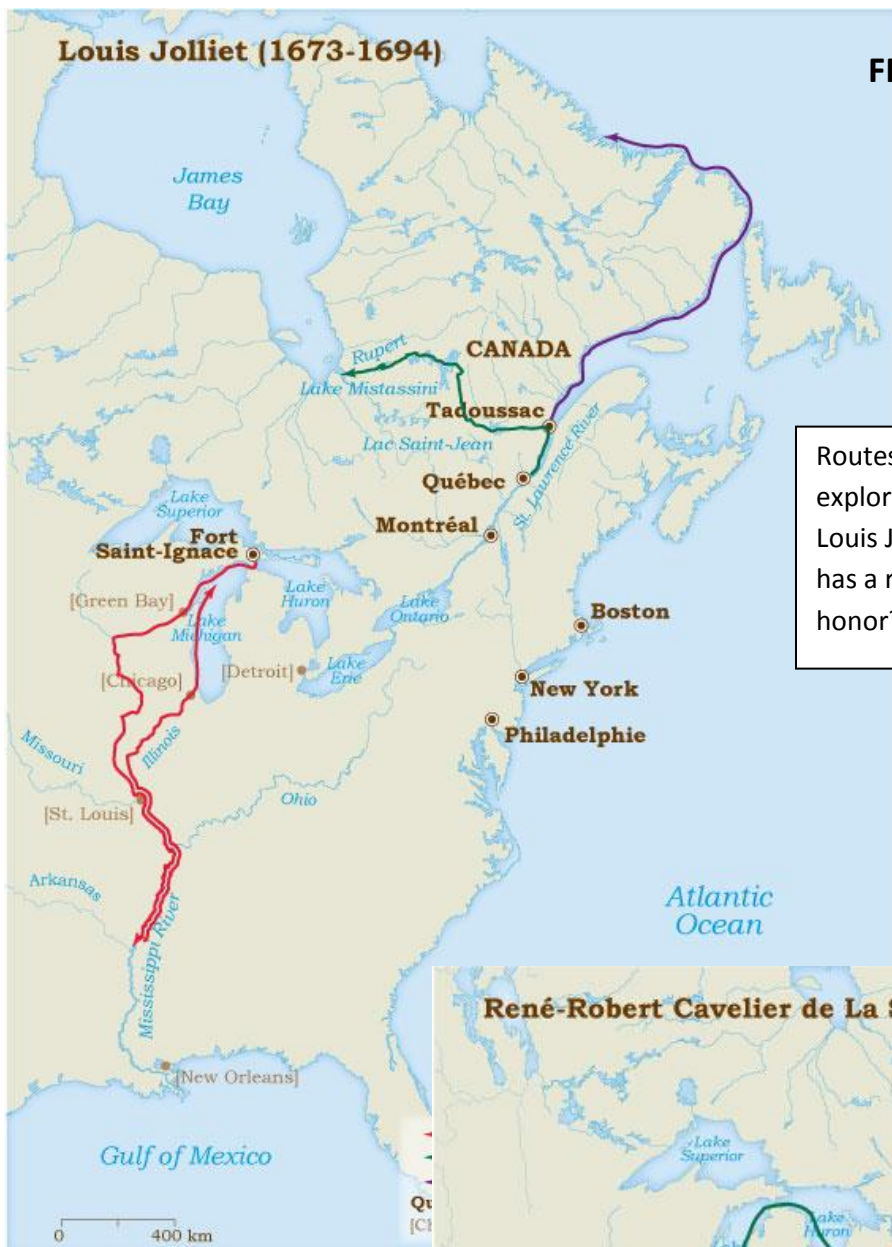
The Americas

empire – the land that a country controls that is outside of its national borders

SPANISH EXPLORERS AND THEIR ROUTES THROUGHOUT THE NEW WORLD

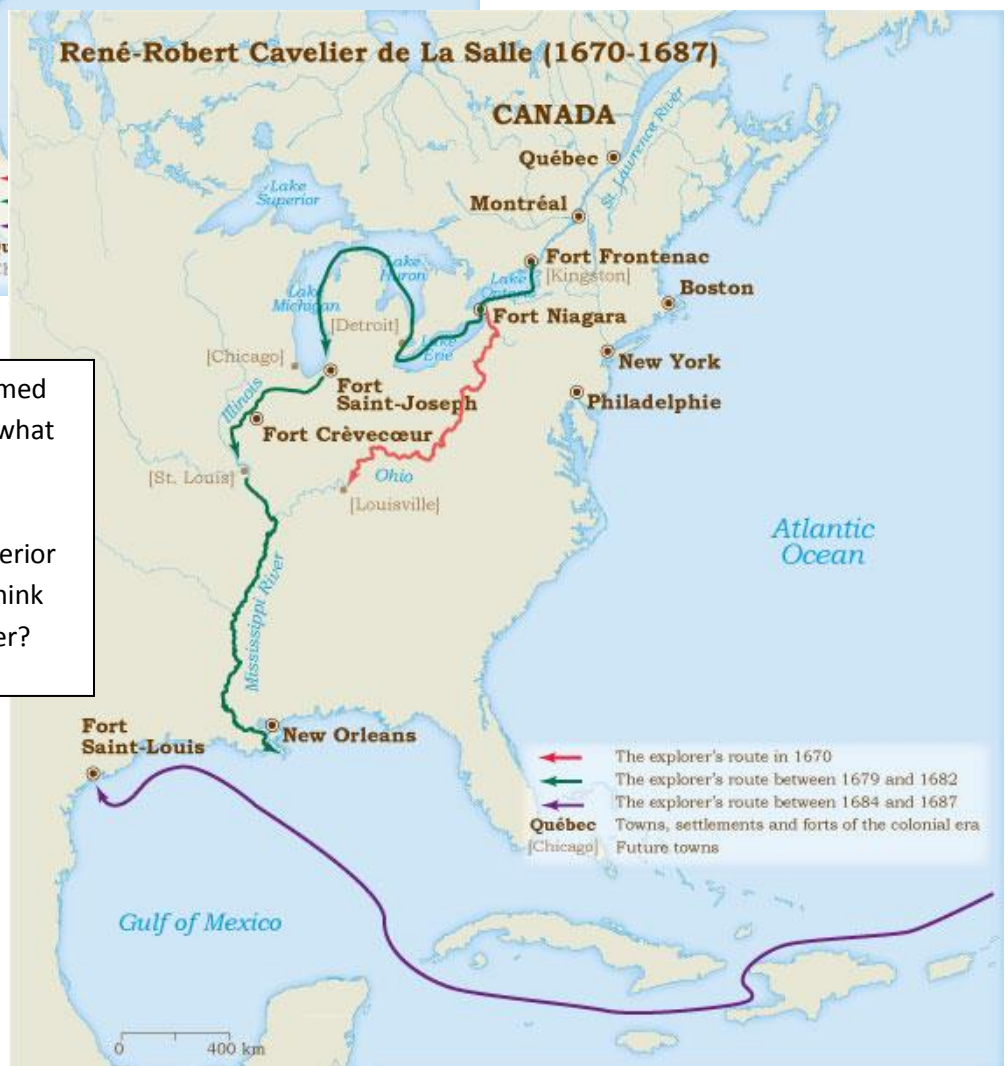


FRENCH EXPLORERS' ROUTES IN THE NEW WORLD



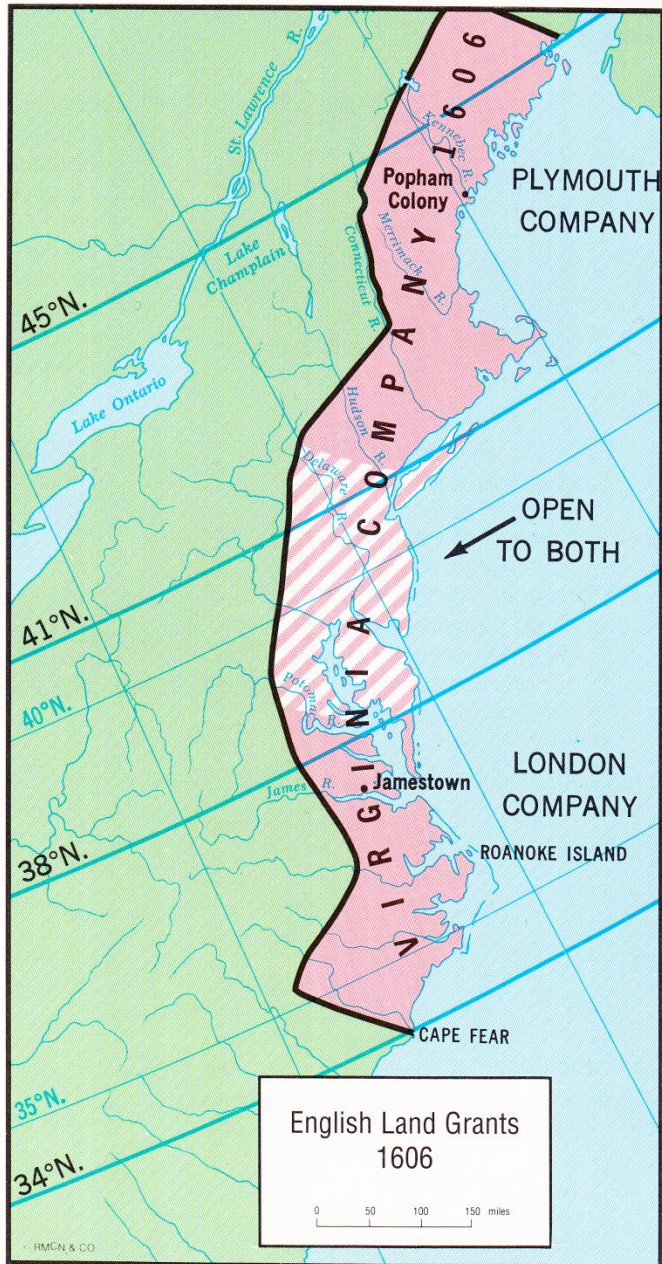
Routes of the three different explorations made French explorer Louis Jolliet. Do you know which state has a river and a city named in his honor?

La Salle has a major university named in his honor. Based on this map, what was his primary method of transportation during his three different explorations into the interior of North America? Why do you think he decided to travel in this manner?



- ← The explorer's route in 1670
- ← The explorer's route between 1679 and 1682
- ← The explorer's route between 1684 and 1687
- Towns, settlements and forts of the colonial era
- [] Future towns

ENGLISH and DUTCH (as people from the NETHERLANDS are called) LAND CLAIMS IN NORTH AMERICA



- ▲ The Plymouth Company and the London Company were groups of stockholders within the Virginia Company. Each group obtained a land grant from the English king to establish a colony in America. Land between 38° and 41° north latitude was open to both groups. Neither group was allowed to settle within 100 miles of the other.

The Dutch bought Manhattan Island from Native Americans and established a fortified trading center called New Amsterdam. They established other settlements along the Hudson River and later took over Swedish settlements along the Delaware River.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

According to the information associated with map b, which European country's *colony* was eventually taken over by the Dutch? Explain which country you think would eventually take over the Dutch *empire* in the *New World*? Use evidence from the map to support your claim.