

Research on Jacques Cartier

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Jacques Cartier

I chose Jacques Cartier for my research because I know it a bit. I will write about his explorations and discoveries. Everybody knows he discovered the Canada, our country. The first time I heard about Cartier was at my primary school.

Jacques Cartier was born in 1491 at St. Malo's city. He became a french navigator. He did three voyages in North America. He made them between 1534 and 1542.

At his first voyage to North America, he explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Gaspé Peninsula. He took two Iroquois to France. These Iroquois showed the France there was people on this still unexplored continent.

At his second voyage, on 1535 and 1536, with the help of the two Indians, he discovered Stadacona, the ancient name of Quebec city. He sailed to Hochelaga, who will become Montreal. He didn't continue farther because of the cold weather and rapids. During the winter he passed in Stadacona, 25 members of his crew died from scurvy. Fortunately, the Indians were able to cure this disease with a brew of white cedar. Winter passed was very hard for him because he wasn't accustomed to the white weather of Canada. He returned to France on July 1536.

During his third and last voyage, during the years 1541 and 1542, Cartier founded a settlement near Stadacona. He discovered quartz that he thought it was diamond because of the appearance of the rock. He discovered iron pyrites that he took for gold. He passed another winter near Stadacona. 35 members of his crew have been killed by Iroquois. When he returned in France, he was thinking himself rich.

France had difficulty to establish population in America because of the Indians. They wanted to keep their territory. The cold weather was also a big obstacle.

Jacques Cartier died on September 1 1557 at St. Malo. His three voyages have been published in many different languages. It was easy to know what Cartier made during his voyages because every sailor were asked to write a board journal.

Cartier had a very active life. During his trips, everything could happen to him. He could be attacked, catch disease or die. Sometimes, to cross rapids, he had to walk on earth and to carry his boat. He also had to guide himself on the vast Atlantic sea.

I hope you know more about Cartier now. This research was only a summary of all the things Jacques Cartier did. It is possible to find a lot of things about this famous person. His life is a long and interesting adventure. This explorer lived a lot of experiences. In addition, Jacques Cartier wasn't the last explorer of Canada. Other person crossed the sea to explore this land.