

Trouble Between the British and French

Think about this while you read.

**Why are the French not still in control here?
What happened?**

In the 1700s the French built six more forts in Michigan. These forts protected their land. The forts protected them from the tribes. The tribes were not the greatest worry. The French were more worried about another enemy. This enemy had many soldiers and cannons. They were worried about the British!



The British Want New France

The French had land in North America. Their colony was called New France. The British had land here too. Their colonies were along the Atlantic Ocean on the East Coast. These colonies

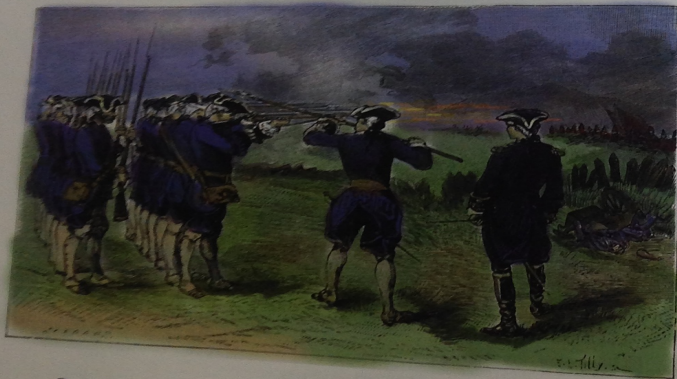
YEAR
1754

**The French and
Indian War
1754-1763**

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**A fight between
the French and
the British.**

were hundreds of miles from Michigan. One of them was New York. These colonies had many towns and farms. They had more people than the French.

The French and British did not do things the same way. The British brought more of their people. The French did not need many people to trade furs. New France was a large land with few French people. The British and the French had been enemies for years. So in 1754, the British decided to push out the French. This became the **French and Indian War**. The French and many Indians fought together against the British.



Soldiers in the
French and
Indian War.

During this war there were several battles, but none were in Michigan. Near the end, the French lost control of the St. Lawrence River. At that point, they could not send supplies to their soldiers. Soon after, the war ended and the British won. If

the French had won, you might speak French! Canada would still belong to France.

This war cost the British lots of money. They wanted people in America to help pay for it. The Americans did not want to help. This will cause bad feelings over the years.



What the French Left Behind

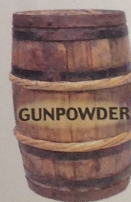
The French left some things behind for us. Our largest city, Detroit, has a French name. Other cities have French names too. **Traverse City** has a French name. **St. Joseph, Marquette** and **Charlevoix** (SHAR la voy) are French. Some of our rivers are named for the French. The Marquette and **Au Sable** are two rivers with French names.

A New Flag In Michigan

In 1760, British soldiers marched into Detroit in red uniforms. They beat drums. The British flag went up the flagpole. Now Michigan belonged to the British. Of course, they did not bother to ask the tribes who had lived here for so long.



When the French lost, it worried the tribes. The tribes needed many things they could not make. They depended on the fur trade to get them. The British did not see the tribes as friends. After all, the tribes had been fighting them. The British prices were high. The British



would not trade gunpowder. By now the tribes depended on it for hunting. The French always gave them gifts. The British would not give them gifts. The tribes were quite upset.

QUESTIONS

- 1) Who made an alliance during the French and Indian War? (who worked together)
- 2) True or False The British and The French did many things the same way.
- 3) True or False The Native Americans liked the British more than the French.
- 4) Name two cities that have French names.
- 5) Who won the war?
- 6) What do you think will happen next in Michigan? (must have at least 3 sentences)