

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 Worksheet

Title of News Report: The British Declare: New Rules for N.A.

Publish: day after the Proclamation of 1763 was signed

News Source: _____

Type of Report:

- News Report**
 Editorial

Who:

- The Proclamation affected the Canadiens in Quebec (formerly New France), the Thirteen Colonies colonists, and N. A.'s First Nations
- It was Britain who made the Proclamation

What:

- Through the Proclamation, the British government aimed to **assimilate** the Canadians by establishing British-style government, abolishing French civil laws, disallowing Catholics from holding positions in government, and encouraging more British colonists to move to Quebec
- It separated the 13 Colonies territory from "Indian Territory"
- the ultimate goal of the Proclamation was to establish a lasting peace in N.A.

When:

- The Proclamation was enacted shortly after the end of the Seven Years' War following the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1763

Where:

- The Proclamation will affect the areas of Quebec (formerly New France), the Thirteen Colonies, and the interior portion of N.A. now assigned to the First Nations

Why:

- The ultimate goal of the Proclamation was to establish a lasting peace in N.A. The British were cash strapped after the Seven Years' War and could not afford to continue to fight the First Nations' resistance to their rule, nor could they continue to fight the Canadiens
- The British also wanted to assimilate the Canadians (though they may have wanted to just get rid of them, the Treaty of Paris prevented them from taking away the Canadiens' rights to practice their Catholic faith and punishing any allies of the French)

How:

- The British hoped to encourage the Canadians to adopt British ways by first making it difficult for Canadiens to have a voice within their colony's government, and by drowning out the French culture with a wave of new British colonists

Viewpoints referenced:

Name and pertinent background:	Opinion Expressed:
John Smith, New Hampshire colonist	"I don't like Quebec. The Canadiens are the losers and I think that they got better than they deserved."
Pontiac, First Nations leader	"I thought it was a good idea to finally lay it out clearly what is ours and theirs, so I no longer have to go to war. I don't like killing, but if pushed any further, I would have gone to war."
Jacque LaSalle, Canadien	"I guess the Proclamation is better than a kick in the pants! I'm not sure I like that because I'm French and Catholic I can have no part in the colony's government, but, really, I had no part in the government of New France, so I'm not sure much will really change for me."

Personal Reflections on My Understanding of the Report

Vocabulary I need to better familiarize myself with:

1. Assimilate
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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Questions this report raises for me &/or **Background Knowledge** I need to better familiarize myself with:

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- 5.