

TIME PERIOD COVERED BY THIS HISTORY LESSON

1636 AD

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1710 AD

LESSON # RICH1.011

*SAMPLE LESSON*

LESSON TITLE Early Exploration—Pierre Esprit Radisson

**OBJECTIVE:** THE STUDENT WILL LEARN THAT Pierre Esprit Radisson and his brother-in-law, Medard Chouart des Groseilliers, were French coureurs de bois who persuaded the English king to help them get to Hudson Bay to trade with the Indians when their own French governor punished them for trading without his permission. They acquired so many fine furs on this trip that the English were persuaded that much money was to be made here and they decided to establish trading posts around Hudson Bay—and the Hudson's Bay Company was born. Radisson and Groseilliers were very involved in the Hudson's Bay Company in the beginning but it eventually outgrew its need for them, and they died poor. The Hudson's Bay Company, in contrast, became very rich and lived on for hundreds of years. Britain's dominance of a large portion of North America through the HBC preserved what would become the nation of Canada for the English rather than the French. (NOTE: This is such an important concept in Canadian history that much of the "Readings In Canadian History Year 2—Developing the Nation of Canada" will be devoted to it.)

PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIALS:	CHAPTER #S & TITLES	PAGE #S
"Runner of the Woods: The Story of Young Radisson" by C. T. Ritchie	1-20	1-160

SECONDARY REFERENCE MATERIALS:	CHAPTER #S & TITLES	PAGE #S
"The Story of Canada" by Janet Lunn		61-62
"Canada: Growth of a Nation" by Stan Garrod		96-97
"Empire of the Bay: Illustrated History of the Hudson's Bay Company" by Peter C. Newman		30-47

**VOCABULARY WORDS**

gantlet / vengeance / punk / caulked / thwarts / wampum / cumbersome / trackless / tapered / windfalls / retreat / spoils / garrison / ransom / adopted / bale / scheme / fugitive / scalp-lock / ruse / full-blooded / barracks / passage / refuge / truce / treachery / remnant / flotilla / islets & islands / sluice / broadsides / shoal / hostages / scows / barter / tributary / dandies / pewter / rosaries / apprehension / ocean comber / watershed / superstitious / fillets / prudent / mettle / cowered / lowing / voyageurs / muster / stratagem / crossed himself / boarded a packet / black plague / ketch / charters / headlands / visionary / eloped

Define these vocabulary words and add any that you did not know into your index card or computer file, alphabetically. Add their definitions.

**INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITIES**

Think of an idea for a business that has not been done before in your neighbourhood. Think BIG, so big that you need the help of someone with money to invest in it. Imagine telling him or her about your idea and getting their help to start the business. List the steps you would need to take to get the business going, and imagine that you are successful. When your idea catches on, your investor is so impressed that s/he decides to run the business him- or herself and leaves you out of the picture. How do you feel? What can you do?