

Unit 1

Early Canada

Name: _____

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Chapter 2, Lesson 1: Chart - Key

Complete the Chart

Complete the chart below by identifying and explaining the four reasons for European expansion.

Why did the imperial countries of Europe want to expand their empires?	
Reasons	Explanation
Economics	Europeans wanted colonies set up to claim the resources of the land. Europeans wanted beaver hats and fur coats.
Competition	The European countries competed for land and resources. Each country wanted as much land as it could obtain.
Religion	Most Europeans were Christians. Most people in France were Catholic, most people in England were Protestant. Both groups wanted to send missionaries around the world to spread Christianity.
Curiosity	Europeans were curious about the new countries they could explore.