Chapter 2 Summary:

Reasons imperial countires wanted to cross the Atlantic Ocean: looking for a new Silk Road, preferably a water route.

Seigneurial System: social system based on seigneurs who rented land to habitants in exchange for a portion of their crops.

Jacques Cartier: first European to make contact with Aboriginals and set up a colony in North America.

Imperialism: one country that extends its control over another nation: France was the first European country to create colonies in Canada.

Coureurs de Bois: 'runners of the woods'; French settlers who traded furs with First Nations; acted as guides and interpreters for French traders. Sovereign Council: established by the King to govern the colony; consisted of Governor, Intendant, and Bishop.

Samuel de Champlain: French explorer and mapmaker who wanted to trade with the Wendat and agreed to fight with them against their rivals, the Haudenosaunee.