


# The French & Indian War

Unit 6, Lesson 3

# Essential Question

How did the effects of the French and Indian war prove to be such a costly victory?

# Warm Up



A white mouse is shown in profile, standing on its hind legs and looking upwards and to the right. The mouse is illuminated from the right, creating a strong highlight on its back and the surface it stands on. The background is dark and out of focus.

## A Tale of Two Rivals

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(yes, there is another one  
...with a different tail!)

## In this lesson...

You will read about a different but real rivalry that existed in history, and that will begin turning the relationship between Britain and its colonists quite sour - just like rotten cheese.



# War Erupts!

## Read Resource 2: War Erupts!

While reading, find the answers to the questions posed as section headers.

Be prepared to discuss your answers with the class

**PAUSE**

Turn to a partner. Discuss your prediction and why you think it is a good one.


**So, what happened?**

In 1754 the British colonists learned that French colonists built a fort in what is now Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh is located on the map near the white line where the "e" in France on the map is closest to the "B" in Britain. The French called it Fort Duquesne (pronounced Dukain).

**Resource 2: War Erupts!**

Anyone familiar with the map of North America in 1754 could have predicted that a war was coming. European countries were big rivals for America's resources. Tensions grew each year as the number of Europeans coming to America increased and competed for the same resources - not cheese but definitely other food, land, furs, and wood from trees to build ships and homes.

Look at the map below. Notice the names of the countries that claimed parts of North America.



Make a prediction! Which country would Britain most likely go to war with and where might that war start?

Here are some clues if you need them:

- Look at where Britain's 13 colonies were
- Look at where competing countries claimed land and had settlers

the British. They sent a young soldier from Virginia to Washington and 150 other soldiers to kick the French out. They did this because Britain argued that the land on which built Fort Duquesne was England's land.

Robert Monro marched his men out to Fort Duquesne and had them build a fort close to Fort Duquesne. They named it Fort Mifflin. The British were sending a message to the French - "This is British land." The French attacked Fort Mifflin and took over the fort. Robert Monro's men had to retreat to Virginia.

The war ended up becoming the biggest turning points in our country's history. And this war was the Seven Years War. Why? Because most American Indians allied with the French and Indians. The war is named after the Seven Years War.

The British was because of land treaties. Treaties that the British would sign a land treaty with American Indians that they now owned the land and that the British point of view was that the treaties meant that the British when they signed the land treaties. When the British signed the land treaties, they gave up a lot of land to America compared to French people. And the British always been home to American Indians. As a result, they had many of the natural resources that the British lost more land and became angrier.

After the war ended, they had a **STAGGERING** victory. Britain spent **A LOT** of money on the war, but when the war ended, they had a **STAGGERING** victory. Britain spent **A LOT** of money on the war, but when the war ended, they had a **STAGGERING** victory. Dollars are called "pounds"). That's because the British had to pay interest to whomever they borrowed money. Here is a simple example of how much money in interest you would have to pay in a single year before the British could afford to run its empire in 1754. Each year just in interest on the debt of Great Britain, the British government would have to do to get money to pay off its debt? That's a question for a bit.

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# Check for Understanding

Take this time to check your understanding of *The French & Indian War*

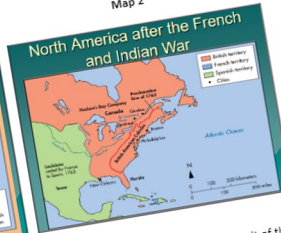
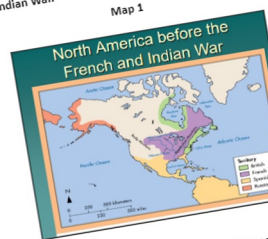
## Resource 3: Checks for Understanding

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Take each of the following bulleted statements and write them into either the CAUSE or EFFECT column below depending on whether they were causes or effects of the French and Indian War.
- Britain had a very large debt
  - Attack on Fort Necessity
  - Competition for land
  - England got control of French land in North America

CAUSES of the French and Indian War	EFFECTS of the French and Indian War

The two maps below illustrate areas claimed by European countries before and after the French and Indian War.



2. Use the two maps above to describe one change that occurred in North America as a result of the French and Indian War.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

According to the reading, which statement BEST explains why most American Indians sided with the British in the French and Indian War?

- The French gave the Indians more gifts
- The British broke land agreement treaties
- The French controlled more land in North America
- The British helped the Indians grow crops and trap furs

The war that took place between 1754 and 1763 called the French and Indian War? Why did the Indians fight the French and British?

- The Indians fought the French and British
- The English fought the French and Indians
- The French and Indians lost all of their land after the war

What conclusion can you draw about treaties between the American Indians and the British?

How do you think the British made with the American Indians tricked the American Indians.

Does this support the conclusion presented above?

- thought that land could be sold
- thought that their land had no value
- thought that they would have to leave their lands
- thought that they were only agreeing to share land

What happened first?

- they
- they
- they
- they
- they

Write your answer in the space below: "The French and Indian War proved to be a \_\_\_\_\_"

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