

MODULE B, STRANGERS ON THE COAST (9 days)**Overview**

Canada was one of the last countries on earth to be discovered and settled by Europeans. We always talk about its discovery as if it did not have any significance to anyone until the white man made it significant, and in this we show our arrogance. But Canada did exist before it was given the name, and it was significant to the native peoples. They did not think of the land as belonging to anyone in particular but to all, and it was to be cared for by all. The people and the land supported each other. There were several well-developed nations on the North American continent before Europeans arrived and developed their own great nations in their place. It's been said that the American political system was patterned on that of the Iroquois Confederacy! The white man must not think he is superior to the native. What might the world have been like if the native peoples had been left in peace?

Well, they were not. One by one, European discoverers found the North American continent and began to explore it. Each left his mark. The story of Canada is the story of the struggle between three main groups of people, and the marks each of them left endure today. The French might have succeeded in taking Canada from native hands and keeping it if it were not for the English and a few quirks of fate. We must, however, remember that God is sovereign. His purpose for our nation could not have been realized were it not for the events that occurred. He has left His mark. One day we will see and understand His wisdom.

In this Module we begin to learn how the Europeans found and began to change Canada. The Vikings, English and French all staked their claims and the latter two extended their war to Canadian soil. The fur traders began a brisk trade with the native peoples. The explorers of the north tried to avoid Canada altogether and in so doing gave us a rich legacy instead.

Beavers, fish, ice, ships, disease and geography are featured prominently in the study of Canada's early history. Take this opportunity to conduct a truly interdisciplinary, multi-level study.

Vocabulary Words

adventure, America, beaver, Canada, claim, cod, country, cure, deciduous, disease, discovery, England, Europe, European, evergreen, felt, fish, France, Greenland, fur, hat, historian, history, homesick, impression, immunity, Inuit, king, Labrador, latitude, location, longitude, mutiny, mythology, national, natural, navigation, Newfoundland, Norse, Norsemen, northwest, offshore, Orient, passage, permafrost, pest, plant, polar, prayer, Quebec, rat, rival, route, runes, saga, scurvy, seeds, settle, settlement, silk, sin, spice, spruce, survivor, symbol, thistles, thorns, trade, trap, Viking, village, virus, vitamin, weed, world