

Jacques Cartier

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Jacques Cartier was born in 1491 in a French fishing town named Saint-Malo. It is believed that as a young man Cartier sailed on several fishing expeditions that left his hometown and headed to Newfoundland. Through his journeys with the fishermen he became very interested in navigation. He learned to use many tools such as star charts to help him know where his ships were in the sea. He became well-known as a very talented and skilled navigator.

In April of 1534, King Francis I of France funded his first solo-expedition. Like Henry Hudson, his mentor, he longed to discover a northwest passage to India. Cartier kept very detailed journals that help us to trace his journeys today.

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Comprehension Check:

1. Where was Cartier born?

2. What kind of expeditions did he first travel on?

3. What tool did Cartier learn to use to aid in navigation?

