### Struggle for North America

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#### I. Building New France
- France, Sweden, England, Netherlands moved to Northern America
- Eventually France/England earned more profit
- French claimed nearly ½ of North America between 1500-1700
- French conquered most of what is now called Canada
- Jacques Curier discovered St. Lawrence River
- Tried to convert Native Americans for Christianity
- France began to conquer large amounts of land
- Population grew slowly, because peasants were not attracted to long winters
- Soon peasant abandoned farming and began fur trapping, and fishing due to the profit increases
- French King Louis IV sent many to strengthen royal power

#### II. English Colonies
- English began to establish there first colonies along the East Coast
- Jamestown, Virginia in 1607 became first booming colony
- Plymouth, Massachusetts settled by pilgrims who first signed Mayflower compact
- 1600's-1700's English Colonies began to flourish
- Appointed Royal Governors to govern the colonies

#### III. Struggle for Power
- French and English colonies began to struggle for power
- France, England, Netherlands began to fight over power over the land