

Reader's Guide

F*rench and Indian War* presents a comprehensive overview of the struggle for control of North America that took place between French and British forces—as well as each side's colonists and Indian allies—from 1754 to 1763. The volume is divided into two sections: Almanac and Biographies. The Almanac section consists of nine chapters that are arranged chronologically and cover all aspects of the conflict. The Almanac begins by describing the early struggles between French and British settlers for control of trade and territory in North America. It then details the progress of the war, culminating with the pivotal British victory in the Battle of Quebec. It concludes with a discussion of the enduring changes the war produced in the relationship between Great Britain and its colonies—changes that eventually led to the American Revolution (1775–83). Each chapter of the Almanac section includes “Words to Know” and “People to Know” boxes that define important terms and individuals discussed in the chapter for easy reference.

The Biographies section includes profiles of eleven important figures from the French and Indian War era. The essays



cover such key people as Jeffery Amherst, a British general who led the siege of Louisbourg and the capture of Montreal; William Johnson, a British official who served as commissioner of Indian affairs in the American colonies during the war; Louis-Joseph, marquis de Montcalm-Gozon de Saint-Véran, a French general who handed the British several defeats before he was killed during the Battle of Quebec; Pontiac, an Ottawa chief who led a postwar Indian uprising against the British; and George Washington, an American soldier who went on to lead colonial forces in the American Revolution and serve as the first president of the United States. Each profile features a portrait and an individual “For More Information” section.

Informative sidebars can be found throughout the Almanac and Biographies sections as well. These sidebars contain brief biographies; excerpts from memoirs, speeches, and important documents; and interesting facts about the issues and events discussed in the main body of the text. In addition, approximately sixty paintings, portraits, drawings, and maps illustrate the work.

French and Indian War also includes a timeline of important events, “Words to Know” and “People to Know” sections that combine those terms from individual chapters, and a list of “Research and Activity Ideas” with suggestions for study questions, group projects, and oral and dramatic presentations. *French and Indian War* concludes with a bibliography of sources for further reading and a comprehensive index.

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