New France from 1663 to 1701 (Chapter 2 Part 3)

Pre-Quiz Questions

1. Why did France feel the need to change the way the colony was being governed?
   1. The chartered companies were not carrying out their responsibilities as they were supposed to when they received their monopolies
2. What were the two key objectives of the Royal Government?
   1. Increase population
   2. Stimulate and diversify economy
3. Who sat on the Sovereign Council?
   1. Governor General
   2. Intendant
   3. Bishop
4. Describe the responsibilities of the Governor General.
   1. External affairs, military, diplomacy,
5. Describe the responsibilities of the Intendant.
   1. Internal affairs, finance, trade, population, justice
6. Give a definition of absolutism.
   1. Kings of France are chosen by God
7. Under the system of the Royal Government, describe what would happen if there needed to be a major decision about politics, economics, or military in the colony.
   1. The governor would have to write a letter to the Minister of Marine and wait for a response about what to do.
8. What were the responsibilities of the Minister of Marine?
   1. Responsible for all French colonies
9. Name the three royal jurisdictions in New France at the time.
   1. Quebec, Montreal, Trois Riviere
10. Describe the difference between soldiers and militiamen.
    1. Soldiers are professionally trained and paid, militiamen are not trained or paid
11. What action did the military take to defend key cities and trading posts?
    1. They built forts
12. Who was New France’s main military threat and why?
    1. English and the Iroquois, they competing for control over the fur trade
13. How did Jean Talon try balance the population of men and women in New France?
    1. By bringing the Filles du Roy
14. Describe three ways in which Jean Talon tried to increase the natural growth of the population in New France.
    1. Fines, a dowry for poor women, prisoners could choose to move to New France, soldiers offered land in New France
15. Explain one way how Jean Talon’s efforts to increase the population were in one way a success and in another way less so.
    1. The gap between men and women was reduced but most young men remained single
16. Why is it important to diversify the economy of a colony/country?
    1. If one product fails or drops in price the whole colony won’t suffer
17. What product was New France’s economy dependent on and what new products did Jean Talon try and encourage?
    1. New France was dependent on furs. Jean Talon tried to encourage hemp, iron, coal, breweries, tanneries, ship building
18. Explain whether or not Jean Talon’s economic measures were a success or not.
    1. No they were not. The farmes would not plant the crops he wanted and the industries he tried to start would only work if the government would buy them at a high price.
19. What was happening to the number of people participating in the fur trade and the price of furs? Explain the connection.
    1. The number of people participating was going up and the price of furs was going down. The increase in supply meant furs were not as scarce and the price went down
20. Describe the action taken by the Royal Government to control the price.
    1. The government tried to limit the amount of people in the fur trade by creating special licences that allowed people to hunt and collect furs