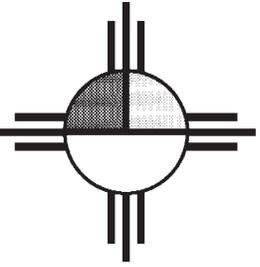


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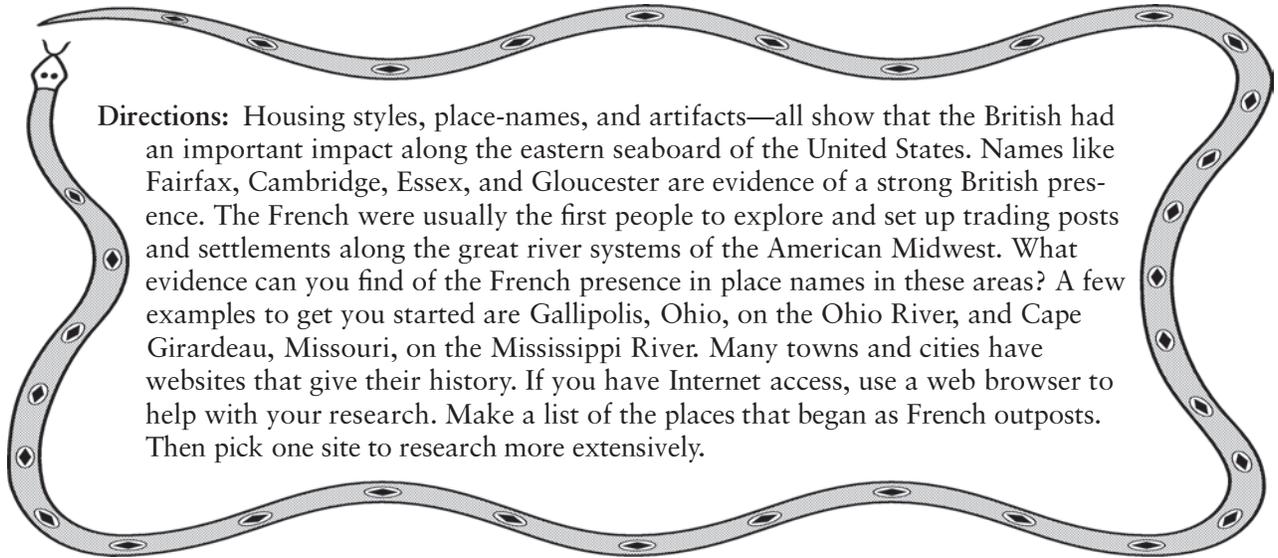
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### French Influence in the Heartland



**Directions:** Housing styles, place-names, and artifacts—all show that the British had an important impact along the eastern seaboard of the United States. Names like Fairfax, Cambridge, Essex, and Gloucester are evidence of a strong British presence. The French were usually the first people to explore and set up trading posts and settlements along the great river systems of the American Midwest. What evidence can you find of the French presence in place names in these areas? A few examples to get you started are Gallipolis, Ohio, on the Ohio River, and Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on the Mississippi River. Many towns and cities have websites that give their history. If you have Internet access, use a web browser to help with your research. Make a list of the places that began as French outposts. Then pick one site to research more extensively.

#### French Place-names

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## French Influence in the Heartland *(continued)*

Site selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Date first settled: \_\_\_\_\_

Origin of name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why the French chose this location: \_\_\_\_\_

What was this settlement used for? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How was the settlement governed? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate population during French control? \_\_\_\_\_

When and how did this site become part of either the British colonial empire or the United States?

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Any current examples of French influence (architecture, shops, food, families of French descent)?

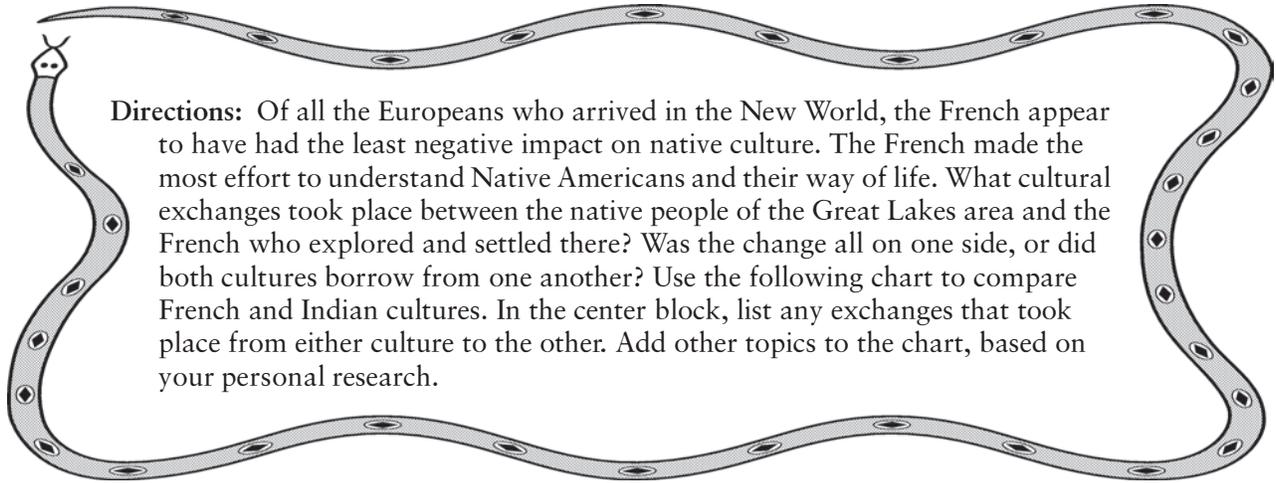
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### Cultural Exchanges



**Directions:** Of all the Europeans who arrived in the New World, the French appear to have had the least negative impact on native culture. The French made the most effort to understand Native Americans and their way of life. What cultural exchanges took place between the native people of the Great Lakes area and the French who explored and settled there? Was the change all on one side, or did both cultures borrow from one another? Use the following chart to compare French and Indian cultures. In the center block, list any exchanges that took place from either culture to the other. Add other topics to the chart, based on your personal research.

	Native American	Exchange	French
Religious beliefs			
Food			
Clothing			
Transportation			
Housing			