

CANADA



First Canadian Flags



St. George's Cross



fleur-de-lis



Royal Union flag



Union Jack



Red Ensign



Maple Leaf

The Coat of Arms

- Canada's Coat of Arms was officially proclaimed on November 21, 1921.
- The present Coat of Arms was approved in 1994.



Symbols of Canada

- The beaver attained official status as an emblem of Canada March 24, 1975 .
- The maple leaf began to serve as a Canadian symbol as early as 1700 .
- The colour of the maple leaves on the arms of Canada was changed from green to red in 1957.



Tartans

Provincial and Territorial Tartans

1. **Maple leaf**
2. **Newfoundland**
3. **Prince Edward Island**
4. **Nova Scotia**
5. **New Brunswick**
6. **Quebec**
7. **Ontario**
8. **Manitoba**
9. **Saskatchewan**
10. **Alberta**
11. **British Columbia**
12. **Northwest Territories**
13. **Yukon**



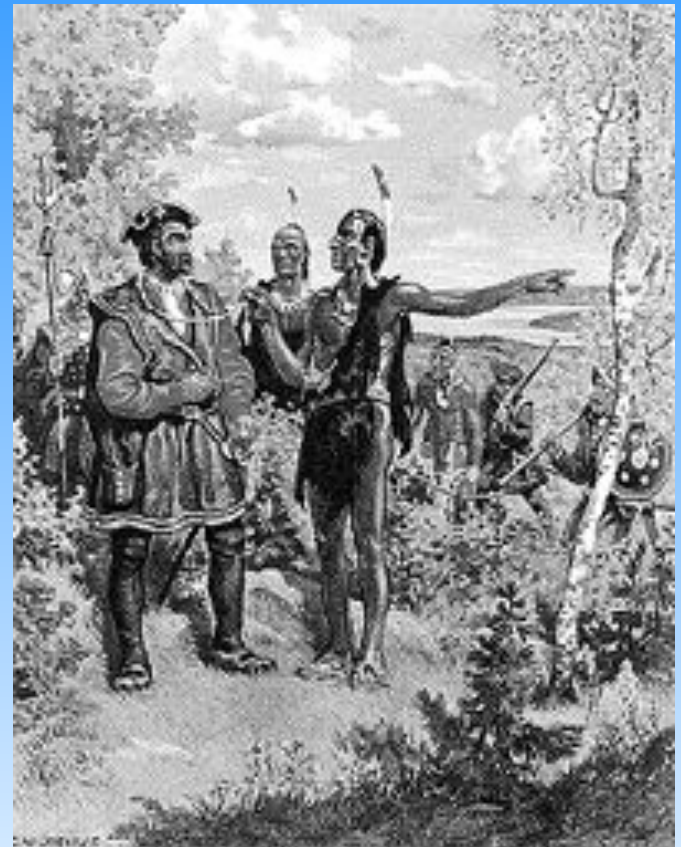
The Great Seal

- The Great Seal of Canada is used on all state documents such as proclamations and commissions of:
 - cabinet ministers
 - Senators
 - Judges
 - senior government officials.
- The seal bears the effigy of Queen Elizabeth II, in her robes, holding the orb and sceptre, and shows her sitting on the coronation chair.



Origin of the Name – Canada

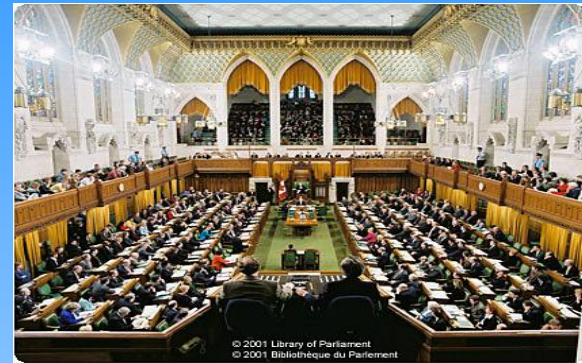
1. The explorer depicted in the image is Jacques Cartier .
2. The Huron-Iroquois word for "village" or "settlement" was kanata.
3. The first use of "Canada" as an official name came in 1791 when the Province of Quebec was divided into the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada.



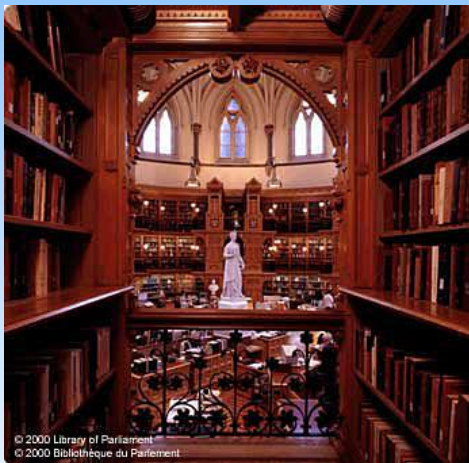
The Parliament Building



The Centre Block



The House of Commons

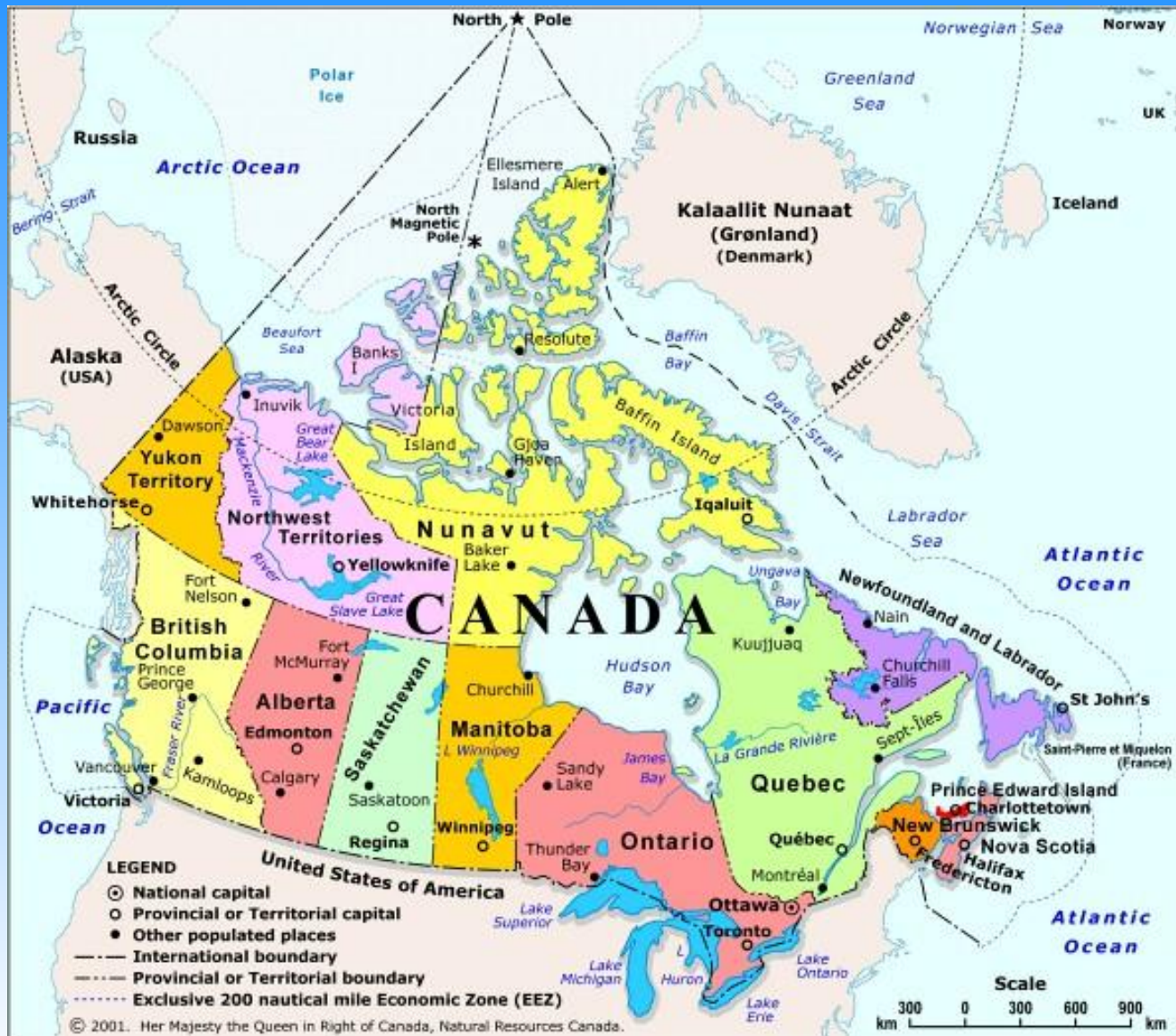


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The Senate Chamber

Map of Canada



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