Unit IB (Section 2) IMPERIALISM Web Diagram

Why did France and Britain bother to settle North America? Settling North America was the result of

IMPERIALISM

which means one territory (ruler or government) taking over another territory, its people and resources. The colonies in North America were the result of “Imperialism”. The word “colonization” is similar, meaning a group of people building a settlement in a new “conquered” land.

How did the colonies benefit France and Britain, the imperialist countries?

For raw resources, eg. furs, fish, timber, minerals, to send back to Europe.

To spread language and culture

To provide farmland (Britain needed this the most)

MERCANTILISM – to make money selling back manufactured goods to colony.

To evangelize First Nations (French only)