

## Jacques Cartier



Jacques Cartier was born around the end of 1491 on Saint-Malo, He was a French navigator and explorer who first mapped the Gulf of Saint Lawrence and the shores of the Saint Lawrence River, which he named Canada.

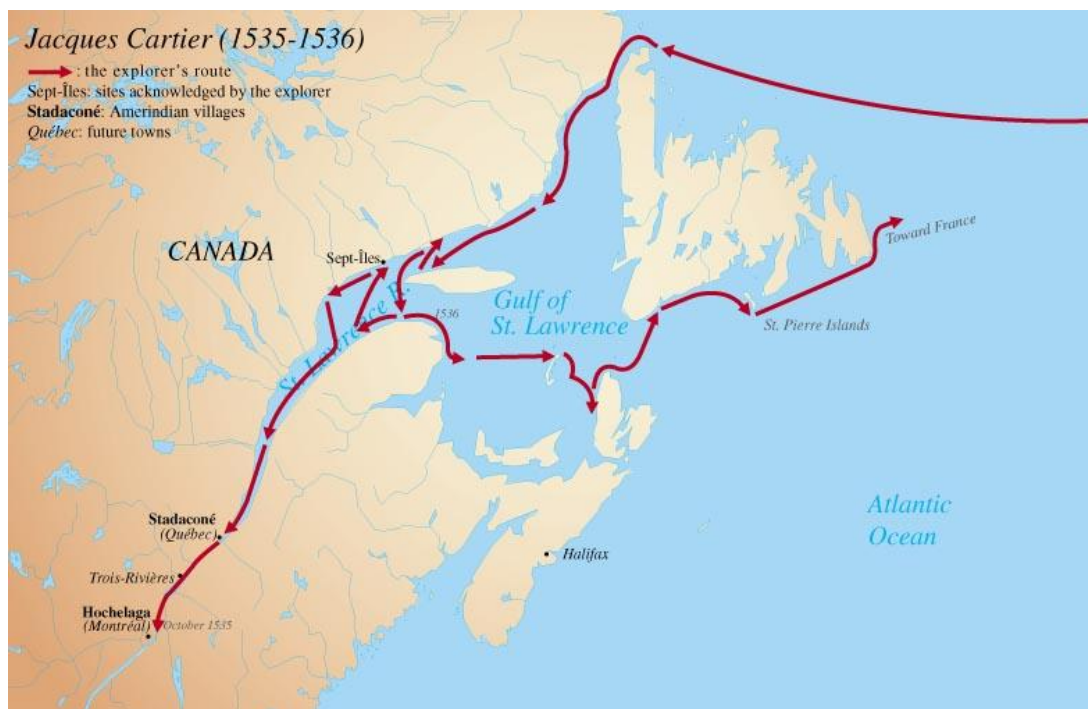
On May 2nd 1519 he married Catherine.

We don't know anything of his career before 1532.

In 1532 he is presented to François 1<sup>st</sup>

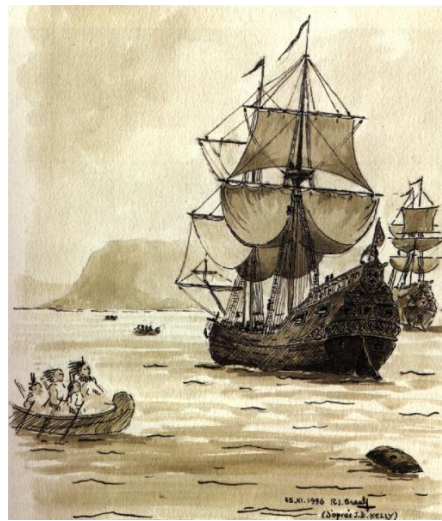
He left with two ships toward the west to research a passage towards China.

He crossed the Canadian coast towards north then towards the south around the Gulf of the St. Lawrence and returned with 2 Amerindian children.



The following year, he returned to explore the continent. Then Cartier penetrates in river of St. Laurent which it calls "the large river". The young Indians on his board want to search the kingdom legendary (and rich in gold) of Saguenay.

It continues along the river to the village Stadocona (current Quebec), then still to the village of Hochelaga on the island of Montreal. These two villages were inhabited by Indians. Then it winters with is crew under difficult conditions.



Beginning his third voyage in 1541, Cartier again sailed up the St Lawrence, this time as far as Lachine Rapids. His purpose was to establish his colony in Canada, but the mission was not successful. He returned to France the following year. He settled in St.-Malo and wrote year account of his forwarding's that was published in 1545.

He died 1<sup>st</sup> September 1557 on Saint-Malo



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