

# NEW FRANCE

Dr. Tracy Penny Light

History 1120 – F16



# TODAY'S OVERVIEW

- **GROUP INTRODUCTIONS**
- **CANADA: A PEOPLE'S HISTORY**
- **DOCUMENT ANALYSIS**



# MEETING YOUR GROUP MEMBERS

- Introduce yourself to your group members and find 2-3 things in common (i.e. you all have siblings, like to eat chocolate, etc.)
- Find something in common related to your education/career goals (i.e. you are all planning to major in History)
- How does your group see the extinction of the Beothuk?



# CANADA: A PEOPLE'S HISTORY

- Watch the film and think about the settlement of New France
- What strikes you about the roles that the settlers played?
- Was life better or worse in New France (than in France)?



# DOCUMENT ANALYSIS

## **An Eighteenth-Century Visit to New France, 1752**

At Montreal...Families of the majority of officers resided while the head of family is away on service...Everyone gets married there, down to the last ensign and even a military cadet is considered a good catch...

The Hotel Dieu has 30-35 nuns who are charged with the military hospital. The sisters of the Congregation of Norte-Dame number 80, 30 in town and the rest spread out in the country. They are dressed in black... Their principal occupations are teaching young girls and making articles to support their establishment. These sisters are spread out along the rural tracts, attracted there for the education of young girls. Their usefulness is evident, but the evil that results is like a slow poison that tends to depopulate the contryside. An educated girl plays the lady, takes on airs, dreams of setting herself up in town and marrying a merchant, thinking the state into which was born is beneath her. I would advise permitting no more congregations like that; even, if possible, shutting down the editing ones, so that the young make do with the parish priest's religious instruction and learn no principles that turn them away from the work of their fathers, cultivating the land...

