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What was the French and Indian War?



The French and Indian War matched France and its American Indian allies against Britain and its colonists. At stake was control of North America. The French and Indian war took place between May 1756 to February 10, 1763. The war took place in the Ohio Valley and it was also called the Seven Years War.

Who were some of the key players?



American Indians, Marquis Duquesne (dyoo-KAYN) was Governor of Canada, Robert Dinwiddie (DIN-wid-dee), the Governor of Virginia, a young George Washington, Major General Edward Braddock, Major General James Wolfe commander of the British fleet and Louis-Joseph de Montcalm commander of the forces in North America.

Name some key events leading to war.



The French found the American Indians trading with the British. Marquis Duquesne had orders to take control of the Ohio River Valley. The French began building forts in the Ohio River Valley. Washington was sent to deliver a message asking the French to leave. They refused. The French captured the "Forks of the Ohio". Washington skirmished with the French. The French attacked Washington at Fort Necessity.

Give a few facts about young George Washington.



In spring 1753, a French officer led 2,000 soldiers into the Ohio Country to uphold France's claim to the region. They built forts. In October 1753, Virginia officials sent George Washington to deliver a letter demanding that the French withdraw. They declined to leave. Washington's attempt, a year later, to force the French to depart sparked the first battle of the French and Indian War.

What were the consequences of war?



The 1763 Treaty of Paris formally ended the war. France gave the British all of its land in North America east of the Mississippi River other than the city of New Orleans. The French land west of the Mississippi, called Louisiana, was given to Spain. The Spanish gave Florida to Britain and the British returned Havana. The end result was that the French no longer had territory in North America.