**The Duel for North America pt. 1 (106-115)**

* Towards the end of the 1600s, England, France, Spain, and there people were fighting for N. America.
* 1688-1763 – four wars were fought between European countries for control of the Americas.
* One of the wars (French and Indian War/Seven Years’ War) set the stage for America’s independence.

1. France Finds a Foothold in Canada
   1. France, England, and Holland were latecomers to the scramble for land in the Americas for virtually the same reasons
      1. Foreign Wars
      2. Domestic strife (such as religious wars in France)
   2. 1598 – France proclaims Edict of Nantes, which grants limited toleration to French Protestants and stopped religious wars.
      1. This, along with their leaders, made them the most feared nation
   3. Louis XIV of France took an interest in overseas colonies
      1. 1608 France established Quebec
      2. The founder, Samuel de Champlain, entered into friendly relations with the Huron Indian Tribe and helped them fight their enemy, the Iroquois
         1. This led to the Iroquois becoming an enemy of the French, allies with Britain, and made it more difficult for the French to settle land outside of Huron control.
   4. Government of New France (Canada) fell under direct control of the King
      1. Autocratic government, people had no representative assemblies or trial by jury
      2. Population slowly grew since there was no incentive and France favored their Caribbean colonies.
2. New France Fans Out