

FRANCOIS MARIE BISSOT. STEUR DE VINCENNES. FRENCH FOUNDER OF INDIANA. 1776-1820.

GRADE LEVEL: Elementary

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"INDIANA AND THE NEW NATION 1776-1820"

Lesson plans for Francois Marie Bissot, Sieur de Vincennes, French founder of Vincennes, Indiana.

Materials:

Teacher background: Read pages 21-27 in "Indiana, A Handbook for
Student information packet U.S. History Teacher"
Activities packet

Time: 2-3 class periods

Evaluation: student test

Activities:

1. Teachers' should familiarize themselves with the background material for a more complete understanding of the time period and events.
2. The students may read the information packet as an individual assignment or in group readings.
3. After the students have read and discussed the materials several activities are suggested to go along with the information.
4. Map activity: identify on the map the location of the three French forts in Indiana and the important...

French-Canadians Come to the Indiana Territory

In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, a New World was being explored on the continent of North America. The kings and queens of France, England, and Spain sent brave and daring explorers to the New World to find gold and silver to make their countries rich. They wanted to build empires and have great world-wide power.

French explorers came to present-day Canada to

find gold and silver, but they did find the wilderness full of

fur-bearing animals.

was very successful making treaties and trading with the Indians. The Indians were important allies to both the British and the French because they were the trappers of the furs. The Indians brought their furs to the trading posts and...

protected the fur traders in the wilderness from other hostile Indians.

The Vincennes Family in 1781

This is as far as the Indians would go because they feared the raiding parties of the hostile Chickasaw Indians from the south. It took Vincennes several years to build a fort at this spot. In 1731, Vincennes wrote a letter and described the fort he build around his home. It had two blockhouses but no barracks for his men. The French soldiers built homes near the fort. The ~~Piapkashaw~~ Indians that had come with him built a village called

Chippecoke, which means scrub brush near the post. The city of Vincennes started with this small band of Frenchmen and Indians

living on the Wabash River.

Vincennes was also a famliy man. In 1733, he married Marie Lonpre and they had two daughters, Marie Therese and Catherine. His family lived in the home inside the fort.

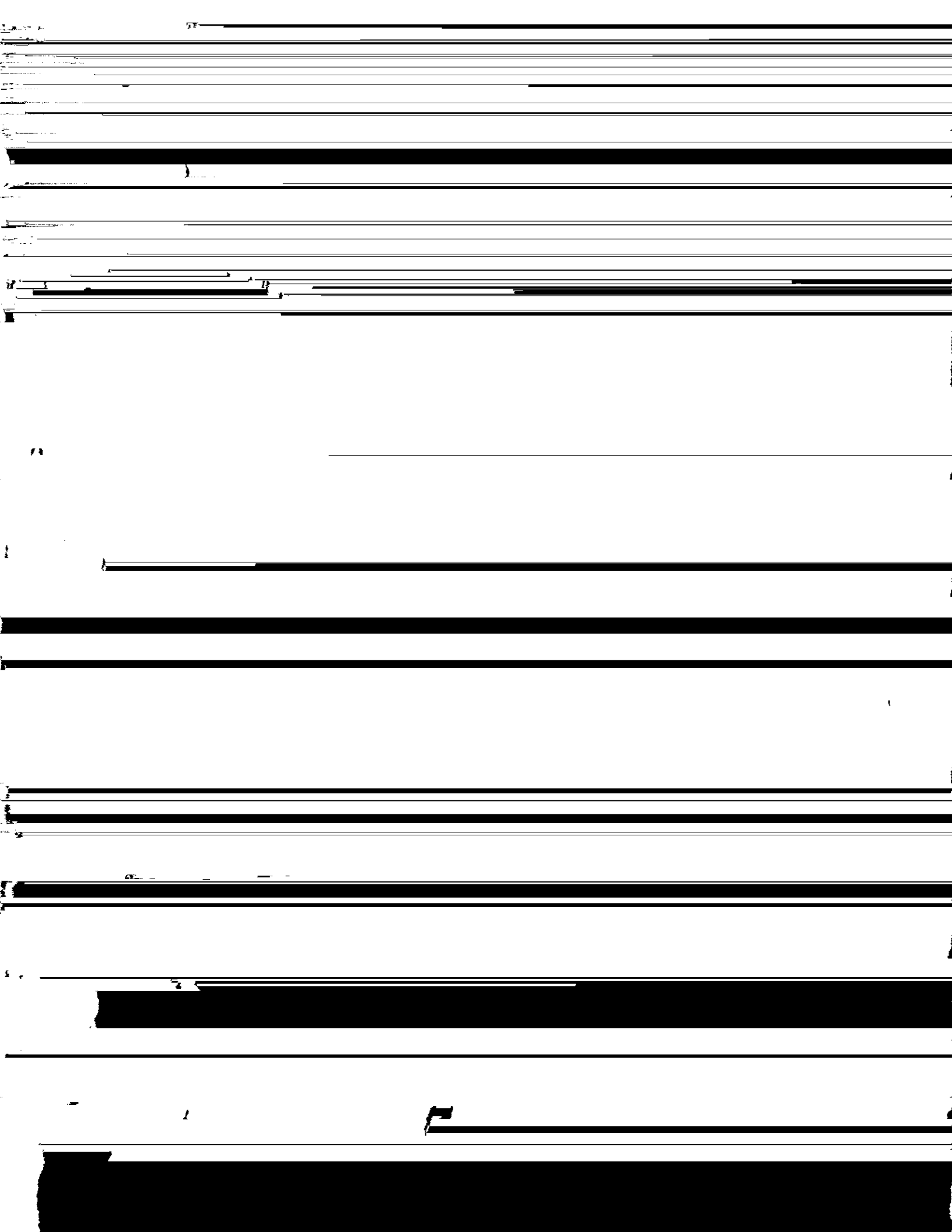
Post Vincennes was so far away from Canada that it was

The small settlement of Vincennes continued to exist after
Sieur de Vincennes' death. It became a very important city in
Indiana and was the home of the first president

a president, William Henry Harrison.

The Frenchman, Francois Marie Bissot, Sieur de Vincennes,
will long be remembered as a brave loyal frontiersman, important
to Indiana history.

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Directions: A folder game for "The French Forts of Indiana, Fort Miami, Ouiatenon, and Vincennes", for 2-4 players.

Materials:

1. A manila folder for each team (2-4 members to a team)
2. a die for each team
3. squares of paper (approximately 2" x 2") 15-20 per team
4. red markers or crayons
5. small markers for moving on the game board
6. glue or paste for each team
7. students will need their information
8. a copy of the rules for each team
9. a copy of the directions for making the game for each team
10. a copy of the two page map for the game board for each team

Examples for hazard cards:

Supply boat overturns in the river--go back 2 spaces
Rapids in the river- portage 6 miles--lose 1 turn
Hostile Indian raid-go back 1 space
Men in the party ill-stop to rest-lose 1 turn
Wild animals eat your food-stop to hunt- go back 3 spaces

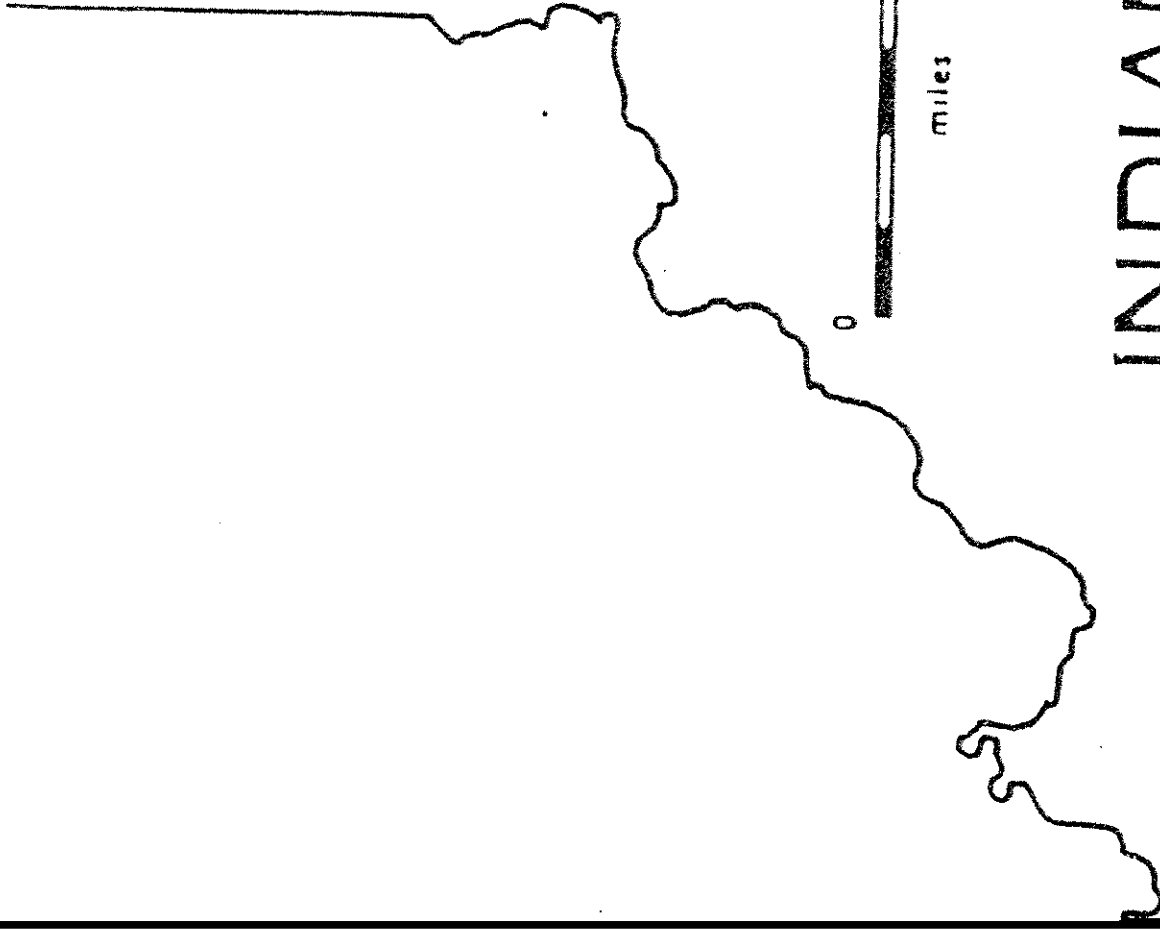
Directions for making a folder game:

1. glue the map into the manila folder
2. draw a board game "path" (using circles or squares) on the map connecting the 3 forts, but also winding around the map wherever you wish
3. color 15-20 circles or squares on your game "path" red, these are for the hazard card draw
4. glue the directions on the back of the folder
5. decorate the front of the folder as you desire
6. write "hazards" on 15-20 cards, see the examples and feel free to make up your own ideas. The information packet you have will be helpful.

Rules:

1. Object of the game: Start your Vincennes exploration party at Fort Miami and go to Fort Vincennes. The first party to Vincennes is the winner.
2. Roll the die to decide turns.
3. Roll the die for moves
4. When you land on a red place, draw a hazard card and follow the directions on the card.

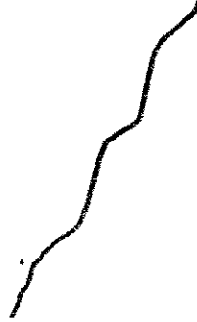
Good Luck!!



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★ Fort Miami



Name _____

True and False

Directions: Read each statement carefully and write the words True or False on the line.

1. Francois Marie Biscot was a Frenchman.

- _____ 2. The French found large supplies of gold and silver in the New World in North America.
- _____ 3. The Indians were the expert fur trappers in the fur trading business.
- _____ 4. The French Canadians explored the Indians.

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