

Order of Good Cheer



Working in groups of 4 or 5 your task is to re-enact Samuel de Champlain's Order of Good Cheer. This task involves two main elements:

1. The preparation of a dish – This must not be expensive or complicated but it must emulate the type of dish that would have been prepared in the 17th century colony of Port Royal. Dishes would have included meats such as deer, moose, beaver, pheasant, turkey, wild boar and other types of wild game. Fish such as cod, trout or salmon would have also been an abundant choice along with numerous root vegetables.

Again, it is not important to use all authentic recipes or ingredients; your dish only needs to *look* authentic.

This is particularly important if you consider the type of food that would have been prepared; mostly meat. It isn't necessary to be a meat eater to participate in this activity. You can emulate any of the original dishes by utilizing simple cake or cookie mixes and a bit of creativity. For example...



These are examples are made entirely out of chocolate cake.

2. A theater presentation. This may include music and song, poetry, a simple skit or any combination. The objective of this presentation is to accurately portray some aspect of life in the new colony. Themes could be: Cartier's history and first encounter with the first nation's people, the fur trade, the first winter in the colony, survival in the harsh new world, the hunt, homesick Frenchmen. If you have another idea for a presentation topic, discuss it with your teacher then organize yourselves accordingly. You may need to do further research on the topic to help with ideas for your presentation. Refer to the article *Winter in New France* on the class website for some background information.

Each group member must have a specific responsibility towards the completion of this project. This will be recorded, then each member will provide evidence and be evaluated for work accomplished during prep time.

Key considerations on the role-play:

- Key players: Champlain, Marc Lescarbot (poet/playwright), Louis Hebert (apothecary), Grand Master (head cook from the food team), First Nations guests
- Special dress for French gentlemen (fancy hat, long coat or short cape, ruffled shirt, leather shoes or boots) Think Musketeers...
- Lead the food procession into the classroom (food on trays should be held high)
- Toast to the ceremony
- Champlain emcees the dinner activities
- Lescarbot may do a short recital or lead the group in a short song or performance

Evaluation – See Rubric sheet