

Let's fast forward to the part of the book dealing with European explorers. After a short section on the Vikings, we jump a few hundred years. Notice the timeline. Once again, students will understand WHY THINGS ARE. This page deals with fishers, the following page with spice seekers.

WHY EUROPEANS CAME:

<i>Timeline</i>					
900 BC				1492 AD	1534 AD
Vikings at L'Anse aux Meadows				Cabot (Cabotto) comes to Canada	Jacques Cartier



THE FISHERS:

By the 1400's fishers from Spain, Portugal, Brittany and France were looking for fish farther and farther away from their homelands. They find large quantities of cod on the Grand Banks off the coast of Newfoundland.

To keep their catch from going bad they take the fish to shore, setting up an area to dry, treat it with salt and prepare it for transportation back to Europe.

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hunt whales at places such as Red Bay in traffic around Newfoundland's Grand Banks. During the 15th and 16th centuries, there were more than 200 to 300 fishing boats in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. That's a lot of fishing boats sailing all the way from Europe!

