French Explorers of Michigan

Etienne Brule
(broo-LAY)
He was the first European to reach Michigan.
Jacques Cartier  
(car-tee-YAY)  
He claimed the area at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River for France in 1534. He called it New France.
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Samuel de Champlain

*(sham-PLAYN)*

He built a trading post called Quebec where people could trade goods and supplies in 1608.
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Jean Nicolet (nik-o-LAY)
He traveled to the Upper Peninsula while looking for the Northwest Passage in 1634.
Father Jacques Marquette
(Mar-KET)
He was a missionary who founded the 1st European settlement in Michigan in 1668. It was called Sault St. Marie.
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Robert La Salle
(la-SAL)
He built the 1st fort on the Lower Peninsula in 1679. It was called Fort Miami then. Now it’s called St. Joseph.
French Explorers of Michigan

Louis Jolliet
(joh-lee-AY)
He joined Marquette on an expedition down the Mississippi River in 1673.
Antoine de la Cadillac

In 1701, this commander founded a fort to prevent the English from reaching the Upper Peninsula.