

## The Settlers of Newfoundland

Indigenous peoples were the first to settle Newfoundland. These brave souls came to America from Asia across ice and land bridges created during an ice age about 15000 years ago. They arrived here about 5000 years ago. They were our first CFAs.

Many communities in Newfoundland saw their first settlers from Europe in the sixteen and seventeen hundreds but the majority came here in the eighteen hundreds. They came to make a better life for themselves. They were the CFAs back then.

The Irish settled my home town in the early eighteen hundreds. While I was growing up there in the nineteen fifties, I got to see some of the early generations who were born here. They were absolutely beautiful people.

Currently, our young people are being made ashamed of our ancestors. Some at MUN have called our ancestors stupid and racist. However, our ancestors were good decent people, despite living under the thumb of Lord Merchants and Mother Church. Nobody should be ashamed of them.

Our ancestors were very religious people. It was impossible for them to be racist. They were brain washed from early childhood about heaven and hell. They were also too busy trying to survive to be racist. They had a very tough life. This made them very creative and industrious. They were definitely not stupid.

The people of Newfoundland need to push back against these attacks on our ancestors. They are just make work projects for people with an agenda. Our ancestors deserve better.

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