

**Virtual History Teacher**  
**Jacques Cartier Test**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: You are playing the role of a history teacher who is grading the test below. See the questions and your “student’s” answers. Grade the quality of the answers on a scale of 1-4, “1” being a poor answer and “4” being a great answer. For each answer you grade, use your knowledge of Ferdinand Magellan, or, reference the [mrnussbaum.com](http://mrnussbaum.com) online biography, to add the missing pieces.

<b>Question 1: What were some of the things that Jacques Cartier was looking for? Explain.</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> A passage and a magic kingdom.	

<b>Question 2: If you were pessimistic about Cartier’s accomplishments, what evidence would you use?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> He didn’t accomplish much.	

<b>Question 3: Why were Cartier’s explorations important?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> Because he traveled to new places.	
Your Response:          	

Answers:

<b>Question 1: What were some of the things that Jacques Cartier was looking for? Explain.</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> A passage and a magic kingdom.	
Your Response: Jacques Cartier was indeed looking for the fabled Northwest Passage – a shortcut through the North American continent to Asia. In later journeys, he turned his attention to the Kingdom of Saguenay, a mythical land full of rubies, gold, and other riches.	
<b>Question 2: If you were pessimistic about Cartier’s accomplishments, what evidence would you use?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> He didn’t accomplish much.	
Your Response: I would be pessimistic, first, because his assumptions were wrong, and second, because he never accomplished his goal of starting a permanent settlement. He was wrong in thinking that the Northwest Passage lay just past the rapids of the St. Lawrence River. Also, in 1542, when he and his crew abandoned the settlement at Charlesbourg-Royal, and were wrong about finding gold and diamonds, his expedition could truly be labeled as a failure.	
<b>Question 3: Do you think Ferdinand Magellan should get credit for being the first to circumnavigate the world? Why or why not?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> No. He died.	
Your Response: Even though Cartier was unsuccessful in establishing a permanent colony, the explorations he did make paved the way for French settlement in Canada.	