

BASQUE WHALERS
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1. What two marine animals trade gave great economic income to the Basques in the sixteenth century? Where did they begin fishing?
Whales and cod. Basques began the hunting of whales in the coast of Basque Country.
2. Why was whaling so lucrative at the time?
Oil/fat (used for cooking, lighting cities)
3. What was the special technique used by the Basques to hunt whales?
Harpoon and corporal bleeding.
4. When local fishing disappeared, where did the Basques go fishing? **Iceland, Canada, Norway and Finland.**
5. What testimonies do we have of the presence of the Basques in Newfoundland and Labrador?
Cartography written in Basque
Toponymical names
Glossaries
Archaeological remains
"Basque" last name
6. What is a pidgin?
Language created when two populations that do not have a common language get in contact.
7. What evidence do we have that there was a pidgin language between Basques and Icelanders?
Mini dictionaries
8. Why were the Basques losing control of the whaling trade? Mention two.
Foreign companies increased
Others learn their techniques
Spanish and French Navies
9. True or false. If it's false, say why.
 - a. The Basques colonized Newfoundland and Labrador. **F. They just had a business relationship. That was not their goal.**
 - b. The relationship with the Innu and Miq'mak (native peoples of Newfoundland and Labrador) was friendly and was based on the barter of property. **T**
 - c. The relationship with the Icelanders was always friendly. **F. There was a law that allowed to kill Basques in Iceland. "Killing of the Spanish" 1615.**