

The Acadians & Their Story — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- The Acadians were early French settlers in eastern Canada (the Maritimes).
- In the 1750s, the British expelled many Acadians from their homes.
- Families were separated and scattered far away.
- Many Acadian descendants live in Canada and beyond today, keeping their culture alive.

Key vocabulary

- Acadian — an early French settler of the Maritimes.
- Expulsion — forcing people to leave.
- Maritimes — Canada's eastern coastal provinces.
- Descendant — someone from a person's family line.

A hard history

The expulsion caused great suffering as families were torn apart — a difficult chapter in Canada's story.

Culture survives

Despite this, Acadian language, music and traditions live on, especially in parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.