Samuel de Champlain

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Samuel de Champlain (sometimes called Samuel Champlain in English documents) was born at Brouage, in the Saintonge province of Western France, about 1567. He was a French explorer, navigator, cartographer, and colonial administrator who was instrumental in founding Quebec City and the colony of New France. Champlain's voyages and explorations played a crucial role in the exploration and settlement of North America.

- **Voyage dates:** 1603, 1605, 1608, 1610, 1613, 1615
- **Explored regions:** North America, including the St. Lawrence River, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, and the Great Lakes
- **Contributions:** Founded Quebec City, established the French claim to North America, and explored the Great Lakes region

Samuel de Champlain's life and career were marked by his dedication to exploration and his role in shaping the early history of Canada. He is often referred to as the "Father of New France."