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The French & Indian War

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From Europe to the Americas,
The British came looking for settlement.
But the Indigenous were here already here living,
They are the Native Americans.
Then France and Britain started fighting
Over land that they were swiping.
The Natives fought for both sides,
And the British called on their colonists to fight for them.

They were willing to go to war.

Blood, sweat and tears: the War of Seven Years,
The Natives were here, British didn't care,
They colonized the land, took resources and wealth
And didn't want to share, wanted it to themselves.
France claimed some of the land already,
In the north and in the west, they had territory.
They always traded with the Natives, loved the furs from their buddies,
Making a pretty penny, things started getting ugly.
Ohio River Valley: both the French and the British wanted it.
French and Natives were happy 'til British came interrupting it.
French sent troops over to show who's running it,
Natives got tired of colonists taking land like they discovered it.
British didn't want to hear none of it, already had 13 colonies,

But wanted more, so they told the French that they got to leave.
French told them they were there first, dismissed,
So the British declared war, 1756.

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Different indigenous tribes fought in advance,
So some sided with Britain, while others sided with France.
Iroquois teamed up with the British,
The Huron and other tribes teamed up with the French, and
Things were getting ballistic; they had common interest,
The resources and riches, so they were willing to kill, and...

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War started, the French were in demand, in charge,
Teamed with indigenous tribes, formed a dominant squad,
Used their war tactics like camouflage,
Defeated Britain for two years, beat them like odds.
They won that battle, but the war wasn't over,
In 1758, Britain regained focus.
The secretary of state sent lots of money to soldiers,
Got Native support from the Iroquois, it was over.
Started attacking and capturing all the French forts,
They couldn't fathom this force, the Natives and the French lost,
French surrendered, and the British gained control,
But spent so much on the war, now they were in the hole.
So much debt that they couldn't afford the land,
Started taxing the citizens that won the war for them.
Now known as Americans, was tired of being used,
So they fought back in the American Revolution.

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