

# ***THE FOUNDING OF QUEBEC 1608***

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**"I had the work of our quarters continued, which was composed of three buildings of two stories. Each one was three fathoms long, and two and a half wide, with a fine cellar six feet deep. I had a gallery made all around our buildings, on the outside, at the second story, which proved very convenient. There were also ditches, fifteen feet wide and six deep. On the other side of the ditches I constructed several spurs, which enclosed a part of the dwelling, at the points where we placed our cannon. Before the habitation there is a place four fathoms wide and six or seven long, looking out upon the riverbank. Surrounding the habitation are very good gardens, and a place on the north side some hundred or hundred and twenty paces long and fifty or sixty wide. Moreover, near Quebec, there is a little river, coming from a lake in the interior, distant six or seven leagues from our settlement."**

## ***WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS SETTLEMENT LOOKED LIKE?***

Create a drawing below that best fits the description above.

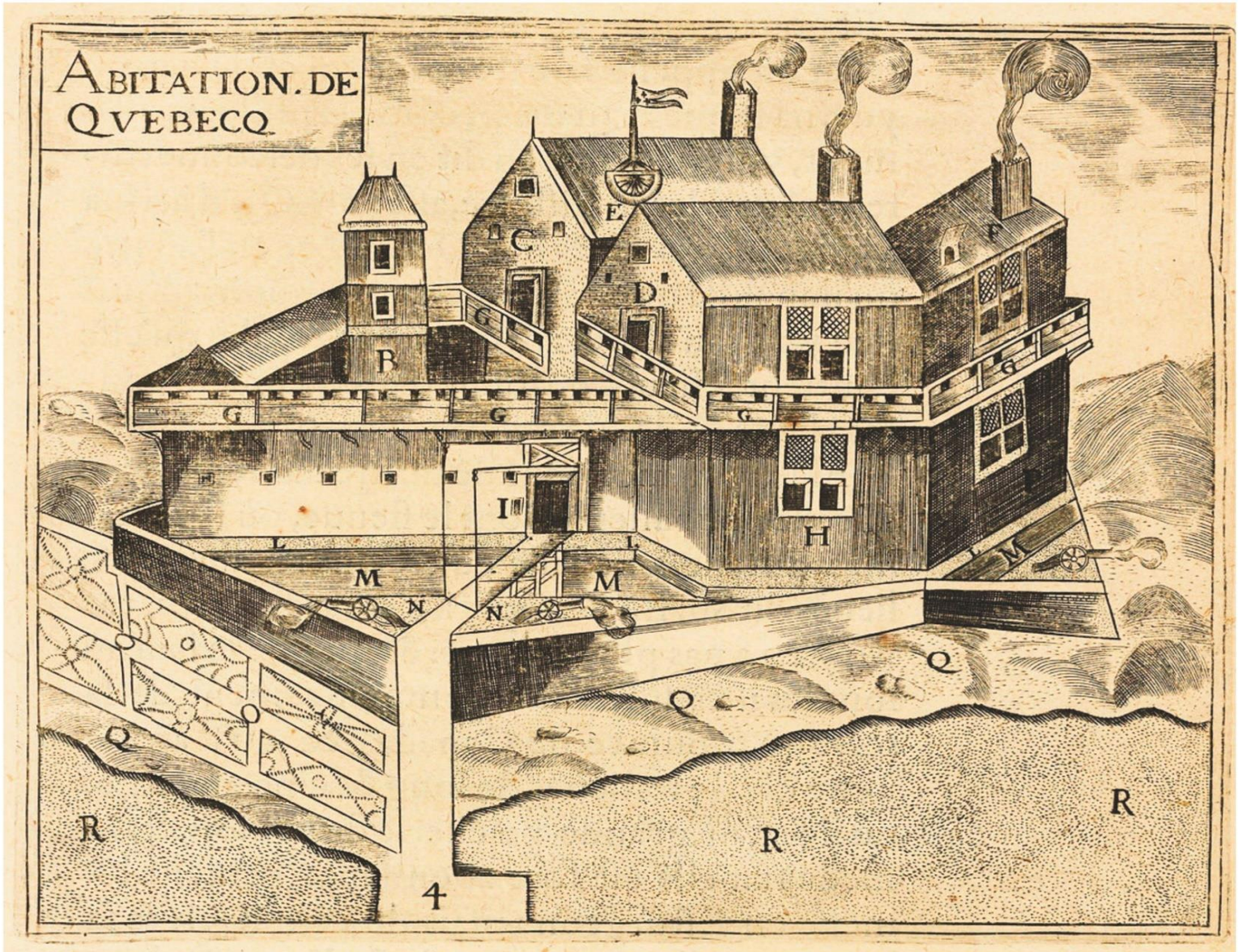




# HABITATION OF QUEBEC

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## Questions for Discussion:

1. What do you think it would have been like to build this settlement using the raw materials that surrounded this area?
2. What do you think were the main purposes for building this settlement? (*Note: The purpose of this settlement was to make sure that no other traders were making exchanges with the Aboriginal peoples in the area of the Great Lakes.*)