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Today's world would be changed by the alteration in history that the French would have taken over England before colonization and England fell into the hands of French ruling. Due to the government styles and differences in policies the colonization of America would have followed the path the English paved for them. France had an absolutist government that gave their people little to no personal freedom, as they were fully subjected to the French King. The English ran a form of government that allowed them to have local governments and representatives that gave their people much more freedom and allowed them to govern themselves as long as they remained in the parameters of English law. In terms of government, if the French had claimed victory over England they would have implemented their absolute power monarchy over English constitutionalism. Their policies on immigration were different also, which would have made the colonies look different under French rule. The English were able to grow rapidly as the French moved along much slower in population numbers. English colonists were recruited from middle class persons such as farmers, artisans, tradesmen, and even servants, lumbermen, sawmill workers, and convicted criminals. The English have liberal immigration policies where they welcome many people from many countries. This allowed them to increase their population in American colonies 1.5 million in between the years 1627 and 1754, including a large number of Germans and french. Under French rule I believe that the rate of growth would be significantly less. The French were initially mainly fur traders, merchants, and catholic

missionaries. They settled just over 1,000 soldiers and gave them land, but protestants and peasant farmers were not able to settle. The French were slightly more strict and it showed as their population did not spike as the English did. As America was being colonized I believe that the French would have been more welcoming to the native Americans than the English were. The French were known merchants and great traders that respected the native Americans and even formed alliances with them. The English let greed of land get in the way of their relationship with the natives which resulted in tragedy. Although the French would have pushed missionaries to convert them to catholicism, I believe that they would have handled the situation better in terms of making agreements and using each other for trading purposes.