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### Deerfield Massacre

Colonists in the small settlement of Deerfield were aware of the impending danger. The town was expecting an attack from the French as they were under British control and the two were at odds over the continent. The Native Americans and British also weren't seeing eye to eye about property and land use. Along with their already ongoing competition over resources, this ultimately led to the Native Americans siding with the French. "The Deerfield Massacre" or "The Raid on Deerfield", occurred on February 29, 1704. Under the command of Jean-Baptiste Hertel de Rouville, the French and Native Americans attacked Deerfield just before dawn. A section of the town was burned and 56 settlers were killed.

More than 100 settlers were forced to travel to Canada. "Approximately Twenty of the prisoners died along the way (America's Story)". After a year the prisoners traveled back to Deerfield, although some remained in Canada and joined Native American and French societies. The war between the British and French ended in 1713 and they would do battle again until the French and Indian War in 1754. For now the people of Deerfield, Massachusetts could relax.

I think the significance about this is almost 100 years ago the Europeans and the Native Americans were working hand in hand trying to cooperate with each other. The Indians taught

the Europeans everything they knew. Then the Europeans started to get greedy for land and they tried to take everything. The Indians felt betrayed and this would eventually lead to them allying with the French to fight the English.

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