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Professor Graham studies the effect of sea power upon the struggle between France and Britain in America. "The essential difference between the two countries lay in the attitudes of kings and governments, for sea power is basically an artificial creation", he says. "In comparison with continental considerations, the French overseas empire in the eighteenth century counted as little more than an important subsidiary."

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