

## **Hudson's Bay Company (HBC)**

"The Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) was founded in 1670."

The oldest commercial corporation in North America; once a major player in the fur trade, it is still in business today as a department store retailer.

## **Rupert's Land**

"This territory, called Rupert's Land, was the size of almost one-third of modern Canada. It would be owned by the HBC for 200 years."

A territory consisting of the drainage basin of Hudson Bay.

## **North West Company**

"By 1783, several of the merchants had formed the North West Company (NWC)."

The Hudson's Bay Company's main rival in the fur trade; based in Montreal.

## **Hivernants**

"Hivernants, partners who worked in the Northwest year-round, could share in company profits."

Employees of the North West Company who lived in the Northwest year-round.

## **Voyageur**

"Rapids and waterfalls forced voyageurs to portage, or carry, both boat and cargo on land to the next part of the river."

Someone hired to transport goods by canoe from one trading post to another.

## **Portage**

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To carry boats and goods around dangerous parts of a river.

## **Metis**

"As European men began wintering in the Northwest, more and more began to marry First Nations women. Their union... created an entirely new people: the Metis."

A person of both Aboriginal and European descent.