

New France and the Fur Trade Questions

Use the Horizons textbook to answer these questions – pages 126-135

1. In which year was the Hudson's Bay Company founded?
2. What did the Royal Charter allow the Hudson's Bay Company to do?
3. Where did the Hudson's Bay Company have its trading posts?
4. How did the Hudson's Bay Company get furs?
5. What was the most valuable fur?
6. How were the Hudson's Bay Company's furs sent to England?
7. Why did First Nations people often prefer to trade with the Hudson's Bay Company's competitor, the North West Company?

8. How did the North West Company differ from the Hudson's Bay Company?

	Hudson's Bay Company	North West Company
Founded:		
Headquarters:		
Trading Strategy:		
Location of Most Trading Forts:		
Shipping Route(s):		
Policies on bargaining and trading alcohol:		
Policies on allowing employees to marry First Nations women:		

9. Which company business model and policies do you think were most effective, and why?

10. How were fur trading goods transported along rivers and lakes?

11. What four aboriginal nations lived in the Northwest?

12. In what ways were the First Nations people involved in the fur trade?

13. Identify the negative impacts of the fur trade on the First Nations people. Select what you believe to be the greatest impact (either positive or negative) and explain your thinking.

14. Why were First Nations women so important in the fur trade?

15. What happened because of the marriages between European men and First Nations women?