

Modern History:  
**Fur Trade**



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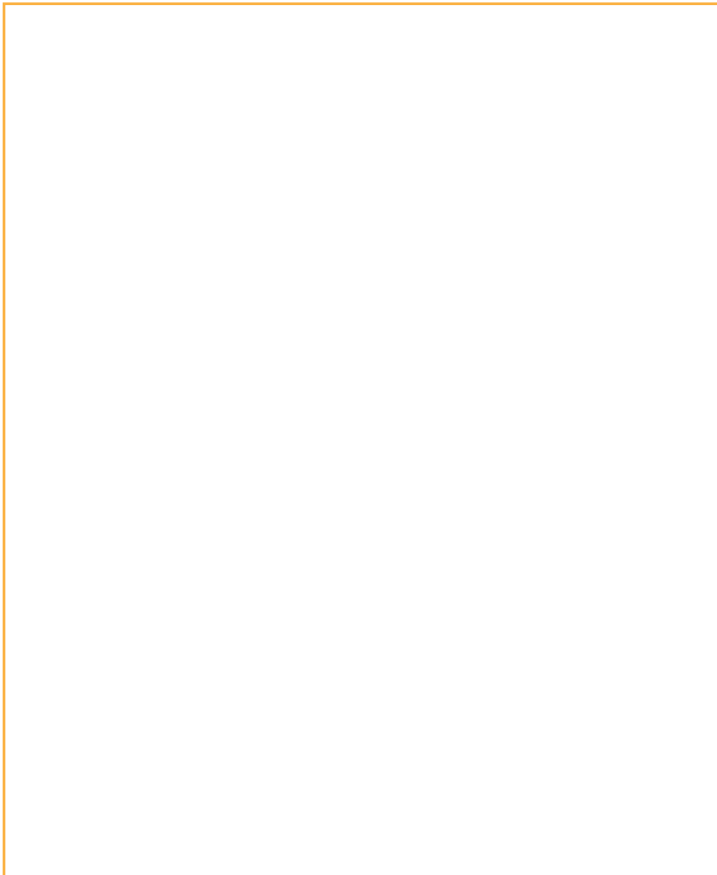
**KEY QUESTION**

What were some important items used in BC's fur trade?

- Imagine you are a fur trapper. Look around at the cases. What would you want to trade your furs for? Why? (think about navigation, survival, decoration?)

What item would you want to trade your furs for \_\_\_\_\_

Draw it in the box below



Why would it be useful for a trapper?

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Which materials do you see that show the influence of First Nations People?

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How do you think First Nations people helped these early explorers and fur traders?

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**FACTS**

**HISTORY OF THE FUR TRADE**

In Europe in the early 1800s demand for fur was high, mostly to make fancy hats. The most valuable fur-bearing animals, such as beaver, lynx and marten, come from the coldest climates. Competition from fur trading made explorers and fur traders seek out more remote places to find more furs. Look around, how do you think people travelled in these cold remote areas?



**FORT SUPPORT!**

Take a look at the beams of wood around the *Fort Victoria Diorama*. They are the original beams from the old fort!