CHAPTER 5 THE FUR TRADE

**Chapter Comprehension**

**Introductory Section**

**1.** Why did American Indians trade with others? What was the main reason that Europeans traded?

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**Beginnings of Exploration and Trade**

**2.** What new resources did Europeans seek in North America, starting in the 1500s?

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**I Want, You Want**

**3.** What goods did the Dakota and Ojibwe want from the Europeans?

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**4.** Why did the Dakota and Ojibwe want these European trade goods?

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**More Than Furs**

**5.** In addition to furs, what other goods and services did the Ojibwe and Dakota provide to the Europeans?

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**SIDEBAR: Beaver Hats**

**6.** Why did Europeans want beaver furs?

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**The Business of Trading**

**7.** How did the European traders support business by making use of the native people’s beliefs of generosity, gift-giving, and kinship?

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**A Year at the Post**

**8.** List two main activities in the fur trade during each season.

**Winter**

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**Spring**

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**Autumn**

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**Summer**

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**SIDEBAR: Workers of the Fur Trade**

**9.** What did each of these people do as part of the fur trade?

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| **Europeans** | **American Indians** |
| **Trader** | **Hunter** |
| **Clerk** | **Pelt Preparer** |
| **Voyageur** | **Interpreter** |

**SIDEBAR: Human Capital and Profit**

**10.** If someone involved in the fur trade did not work to increase his or her human capital, what might happen as a result?

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**Coming Changes**

**11.** By the early 1800s, what kinds of new tools and ways of life were replacing traditional ways for the Dakota

and Ojibwe?

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