

The Impact of Contact

Social Studies 7 Research Project

_____ The student is expected to examine the importance of land and natural resources as economic commodities in Canada's history.

You will be working in **groups of 3** to complete the following project.

The project is on the Impact of Contact between First Nations and Newcomers. The project has been divided into 3 sections and each group member will look at a different section: The Traditional Economy, Why European Settlers Came to the Area, and How European Settlement Affected the Traditional Economy. Within each section there are a number of questions to answer and you will present your information using an app called **Explain Everything**.

Ms. McKean will assign you your First Nation or Inuit group.

The Traditional Economy

- Where did the people live? (map)
- What resources were important in the area? (illustrated list/ chart)
- What kinds of tools did people use? (drawings/ pictures/ models)
- What are some of the interesting details about this way of life (food, shelter, clothing)?
- What were the beliefs that went along with using natural resources (description)?



How European Settlement Affected the Traditional Economy

- Why did the Europeans come in contact with the First Nations or Inuit group?
- Did they trade or work in some way? (written description or illustration)
- What were the changes that happened to the land/ natural resources that affected the traditional economy?
- What else affected the traditional economy? (concept web/ cause and effect)
- What was the economic situation in communities by the mid-1800s? (examples, statistics, personal stories, photographs or historical art)

Why European Settlers Came to the Area

- When did they come? (date or timeline)
- Where did they come from?
- Where did they settle? (map)
- What resources were they most interested in? (illustrated list)
- How did they go about getting or using the resources? (historical art/ photographs)
- What are some interesting details about their way of life (food, clothing, shelter, etc.)



Resources

You will be asked to use the Internet as your main source of information. The library and your textbook can also be used. Whenever you find information from ANY source, you must record where you got your information on your INFORMATION SOURCES sheet.

Suggested Websites

- ✓ [The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)
- ✓ [OUP: Changing Your World](#)
- ✓ [The Atlas of Canada](#)