

There were millions of beaver in North America and because Canada had cold winters, the beaver fur was of excellent quality. The dark brown coat was thick, with long glossy outer fur and short, soft under or inner fur. This inner fur was used to make felt hats. French and British fur traders set up partnerships with First Nations people to trade for the beaver furs.

They traded pots, knives, guns and kettles.

What did the coureur des bois wear? They could be recognized by their distinctive clothing. They often wore a red toque and a sash around their waist. The white cotton shirt was protection from the sun and mosquitoes. They also wore breeches with leggings and moccasins. Where does the name Canada come from? The name Canada comes from First Nations word Kanata which means village or settlement. In 1535, two Aboriginal youths told French Explorer Jacques Cartier about the route to Kanata. The youth were actually referring to the village of Stadacona, present-day Quebec City!

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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

15. What was French for "Runners In the Woods"?
16. Describe how the "Coureur des <u>Bois</u> " dressed.
17. Where does the name Canada come from?

Where was the first trading post? The first French trading post was established in Tadoussac in 1599. Nine years later, in 1608, the French explorer Samuel de Champlain established a trading post on the site of the present-day city of Quebec. The First Nations Peoples who were allies to the English and the Dutch would travel on their own to the trading posts. The fur trade may have been started by the French but word soon spread and other countries such as England and Holland made efforts to profit from the fur trade.

What purpose did <u>trading</u> posts serve? Trading posts were built to show a country's claim to an area of land and as well, provide a place for the trade of the furs. A trading post served as a general store where furs could be traded. It could have a workshop where some trading items were made such as axes. Fur trading posts provided living quarters for company employees and they were also known to be used to protect colonies from enemy raids or attacks. "Trading Posts". Trading Ideas, www.letrocdesidees.ca/en/post-barter.php.

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3.	Where was the first fur trading post?
	What countries other than France were involved in the Fur Trade?
0.	Why were trading posts important?

