

# THE FUR TRADE

## DESIGN YOUR OWN POST

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#### DESIGN A TRADING POST

**Inquiry Question:**

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INQUIRY PROJECT  
MAPPING PRACTICE  
SCAVENGER HUNT FACTS

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## BUILDING A TRADING POST

### CRITERIA SCAVENGER HUNT

Photocopy and cut out each of the 14 criteria for setting up a fur trade post. You may want to laminate these.

Using masking tape, tape up the criteria around your classroom. You may wish to tape these outside for an outdoor learning opportunity, or in the school hallways if your school allows it. You can choose to make these as easy or challenging to find as you wish, to meet the needs of the learners in your classroom.

Give each student a copy of the blank sheets with the numbered spaces. Have them walk around the classroom, locate each piece of criteria, and write it down in the space provided.

This activity allows students to gather key information in a fun and interactive way. It is a great opportunity to get your students out of their chairs and moving around!

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## BUILDING A TRADING POST

When fur trade companies had to build a new trading post, there were a lot of details they needed to keep in mind. Roam around the classroom, and write down the different details you discover about trading post construction.



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Which details do you think were most important? Why?

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Trading posts had to be large enough to hold supplies and provide shelter for several people.

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Trading posts had to protect the people living there from the cold Canadian winter.

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A fireplace had to be built inside the trading post to keep people warm.

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Windows in trading posts were covered with thin pieces of parchment.

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Trading posts had to be built on flat ground.

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Trading posts needed to be built in areas with lots of wood nearby to provide materials for construction.



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Trading posts needed to be built near meadows, so there would be areas for horses to graze.

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Trading posts needed to be built near fresh water sources, so people could have clean water to drink.

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Trading posts needed to be built in areas that had access to wild animals, so they could be hunted for food.

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## BUILDING A TRADING POST

Trading posts had to be easy to construct, with mostly unskilled labor.

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Trading posts needed to be built near waterways to transport the furs.

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Trading posts needed to be built near the indigenous people who were helping the Europeans trap furs.

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Trading posts were built out of logs.

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### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

For this activity, students will answer the following inquiry question: “Why were trading posts established in particular areas?”.

To complete this assignment, students will examine their previously gathered criteria and select the 8 most important. Using that criteria as a guide, students will choose the best place they think to build a fort would be, and complete a mapping activity to show this. Students will then explain why they think their location is the best place to build.

Students will also complete a written report to go along with their project, that describes and explains what their fort would look like. Lastly, students create a labelled. visual that shows what their fort would look like.

All of the handouts needed to complete this assignment have been included, as well as some images to use as examples of what actual fur trade fort looked like.

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## DESIGN A TRADING POST: MAP

Inquiry Question:

- Why were trading posts established in particular areas?

In order to create your map, you will need to brainstorm a list of the 8 most important things that you think your site will have. This list will be the criteria you will need to look at when choosing your location. Write down your list on the page provided.

You will need to draw a box on your map where you think the best location for your trading post will. The place you choose should meet the criteria you have chosen.

On your map, you will also need to label the nearby rivers, oceans, and lakes. You will also need to choose and label the waterway that you plan to use to transport your furs.

Don't forget to give your map a title, and to include a legend and compass!

Next to your map, you will need to write a description explaining why you chose your particular site. Be sure to look at your criteria to help you with this!

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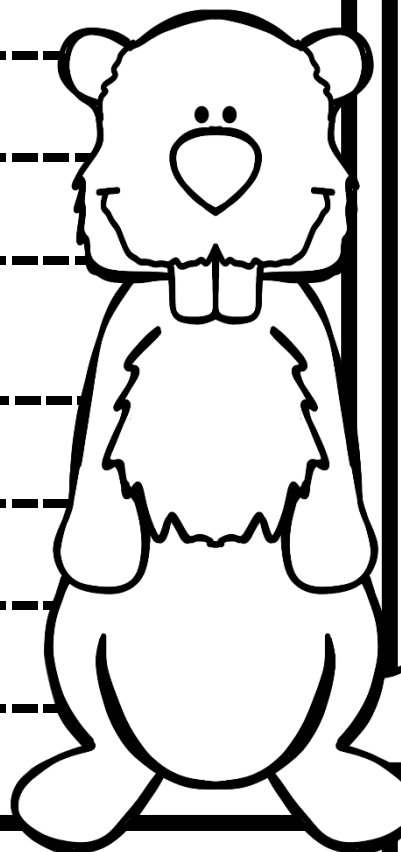
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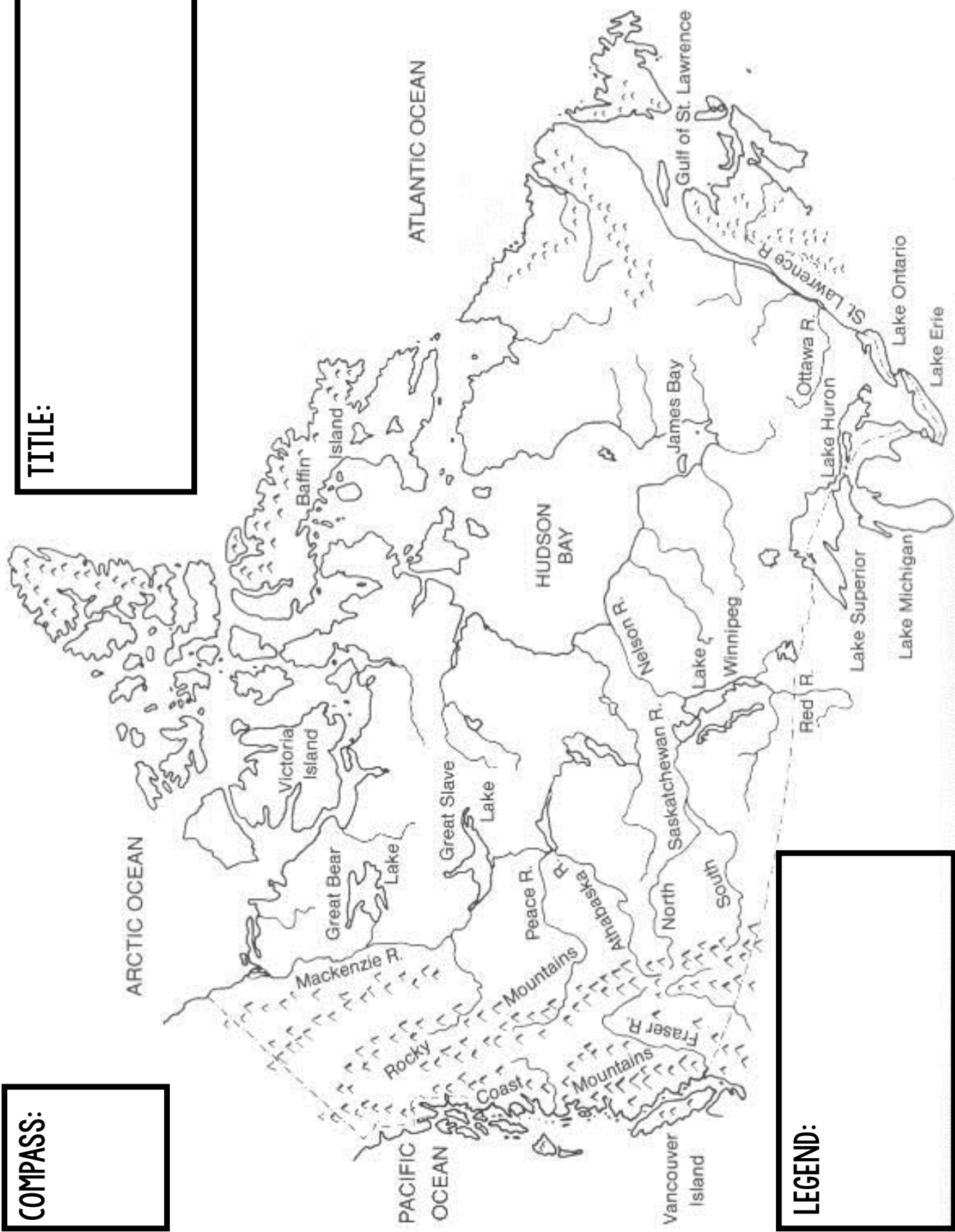
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COMPASS:

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LEGEND:

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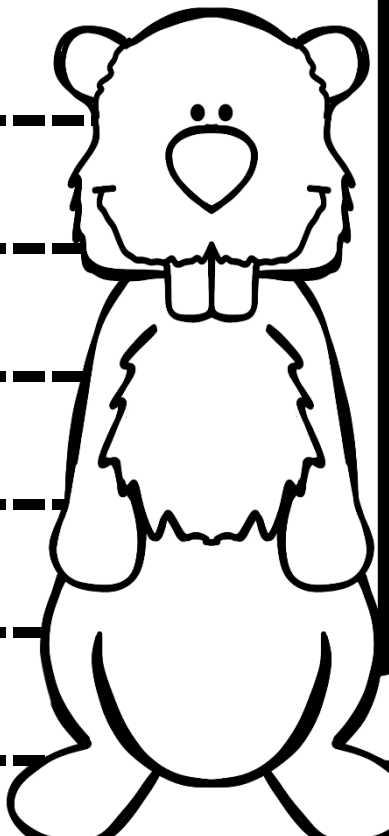
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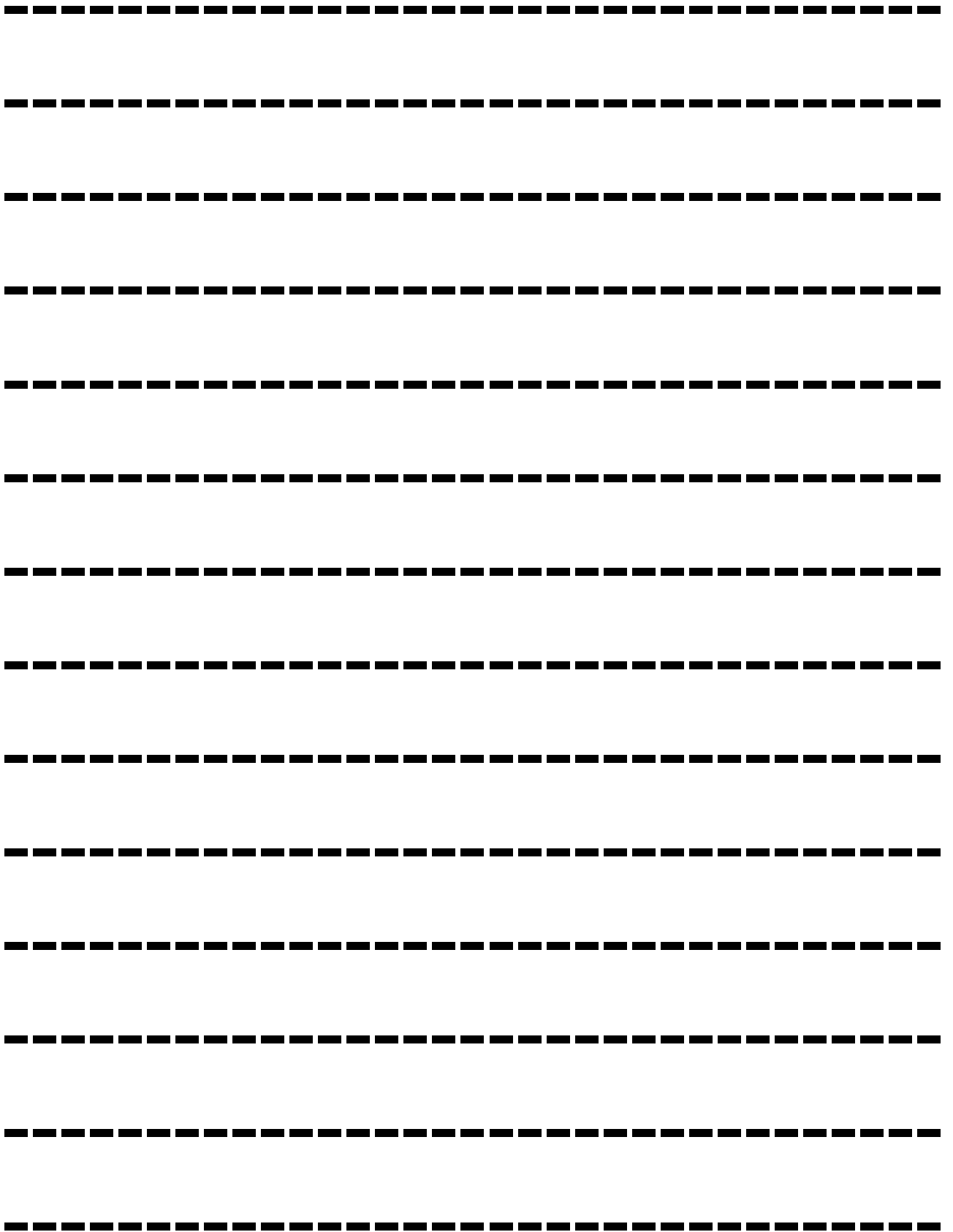
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## DESIGN A TRADING POST: REPORT

Inquiry Question:

- Why were trading posts established in particular areas?

For your report, you will need to write some information that explains your plans to create your fort.

Some key points you will need to write about:

- What will it be called? Why?
- What materials will be needed to build the fort? Who will build it?
- What will life be like in the fort? Will people like living there?
- What will the people who live there eat?
- What will the people who live there do for fun?
- How will the people keep warm in the winter?
- How will furs be delivered back to Europe?





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## DESIGN A TRADING POST: VISUAL

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For your visual, you will need to draw a detailed representation of your trading post.

Your image needs to be labeled and full color, and should include the following:

- A title
- Include spaces for living quarters and supply storage
- Include a “store” area to trade items
- Include spaces for animals to live and graze
- Include spaces for crops and gardens
- Include access to clean water

**SOME IDEAS FOR MY VISUAL:**

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## DESIGN A TRADING POST: CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to make sure you have included everything you need for your project!

### MAP:

- You have clearly marked the location of your trading post.
- Your map has a title
- Your map has a legend
- Your map has a compass
- Your map is full color
- You have labeled all of the bodies of water
- You have labeled a fur transportation route
- You have explained in detail, using your criteria to help you, why you have chosen your particular site.

### REPORT:

- You have talked about the name of your trading post, and why you named it.
- You have talked about the materials needed to build your fort, and where you will find them.
- You have talked about who will build your fort.
- You have talked about what life will be like at your fort, and if people will like living there.
- You have talked about what people will eat
- You have talked about what people will do for fun.
- You have talked about how people will keep warm.
- You have talked about fur transportation.

### VISUAL:

- Your visual has a title.
- Your visual is full color and labeled
- Your visual shows living quarters and supply storage.
- Your visual shows a trading area.
- Your visual shows spaces for animals to live and graze.
- Your visual shows spaces for crops and gardens.
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