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The Early Fur Trade and the Voyageurs - 1

Social Studies 9 – Ms. McDade

**Hudsons Bay Company Website: Life of the Voyageur**

* **Go to the following website:** [**http://hbcheritage.ca/content/life-of-a-voyageur**](http://hbcheritage.ca/content/life-of-a-voyageur) **and answer the questions below**
* **Type your answers in a different colour or highlight your responses to make them stand out**
* **Each question is worth one point for a total of 46 marks**

**Introduction**

1. What stimulated the growth of trade and exploration of Canada?
2. Who were the first people to establish fur trade routes into and beyond the Great Lakes?
3. When was the Hudson’s Bay Company formed?
4. What company formed in 1779, took over the French routes and extended them?
5. There were two groups of voyageurs. What were their names and what were their routes?
6. What were the “highways” during the fur trade?
7. What was the “vehicle” during the fur trade and who designed/ perfected it?

**Who Were the Voyageurs?**

1. What European country did most voyageurs have ties to?
2. Describe the typical clothing of a voyageur?

**Could You Be A Voyageur?**

1. What was the typical maximum height of a voyageur? Explain.
2. How long did it take to travel from Montreal to Lake Superior and back?
3. Describe a typical day for a voyageur.
4. What are some risks that voyageurs were exposed to?

**The Voyageur Diet?**

1. How many meals did the voyageurs eat?
2. Describe a typical breakfast.
3. Describe a typical mid-day snack.
4. Describe a typical supper.
5. Why were voyageurs called pork eaters?

**Pemmican**

1. What did pemmican reportedly taste like?
2. How much pemmican did a voyageur eat per day?
3. Where does the word “pemmican” come from and what does it mean?
4. Describe the process of making pemmakin.
5. What was rubbaboo?

**Canoe Brigades**

1. When did the spring brigades of canoes leave Montreal and when did they arrive at the West end of Lake Superior?
2. What were the large canoes called? How many of these canoes typically travelled together?
3. What was the job of the bowman/ avant?
4. How much experience did the middlemen or milieux have?
5. What was the job of the steersman or gouvernail?
6. What were the *canots du nord*?

**The Inland Meeting Point**

1. Where did the Montreal voyageurs and the wintering *North Men* meet?
2. When was the US/ British North America border determined and how did this change the meeting point?
3. What happened after the Montreal voyageurs and the wintering *North Men* met?

**A Killing Pace**

1. How many strokes would the voyageurs do per minute to cover an average of 160km/ day?
2. How did the voyageurs keep a rhythm for their paddling?
3. How often did the voyageurs rest and what did they do when they stopped?
4. How long would it take to paddle the length of a 6 pipe lake?

**The Portage**

1. What is a portage?
2. What needs to be done at a portage?

**How Much Did the Voyageur Carry?**

1. How many bundles of trading goods were in each canoe and how much did each bundle weigh?
2. How much did each canoe weigh?
3. How did voyageurs carry the bundles?

**The Voyageur Camp**

1. What work would voyageurs do after supper?
2. What happened before the voyageurs went to sleep?

**The End of the Day**

1. What did voyageurs use for shelter at night?
2. What did they do if the weather was bad?
3. What time did they wake up in the morning to repeat their grueling pace?

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Field trip

\*Measure speed and rate of paddling

\*Bonus points for dressing like a voyageur

\*Voyageur journal

\*Alternative assignment

\*Songs

\*Recipe

\*Tumpline and drybags

\*Story around the fire