

The Fur Trade: A Major Contribution to Canadian History

Grade 11 Enriched History Essay Assignment

Using the criteria below, develop a 400-600 word essay outlining the history of the fur trade in Canada and the contribution it made to Canada today. Attach this sheet to the back of your typed essay. Total: 40 marks

Student Name: _____

(10 POINTS) CONTENT: COMMENTS CLEAR, WELL ORGANIZED, WELL DEVELOPED IDEAS

- Main idea (**thesis**) is **clear**.
- Topic sentences** and **concluding sentences** are used in body paragraphs. **Content** is appropriate.
- Supporting details** clearly **relate to topic sentences** and **strongly support topic content**.
- Transitions** are used effectively to connect paragraphs.
- Introduction, body, conclusion** provide logical sequencing of ideas, leading to **understandable, appropriate content** that is **free of superfluous information**.

(10 POINTS) WRITING STYLE

- Varied sentence patterns**
- Word choice** includes **strong verbs, interesting adjectives**.
- Vague, overused, repetitive language is avoided** (a lot, very, great, really, there is, there are)
- Passive voice** and **be verbs** are not overused.
- Simile, metaphor, and personification** are included.
- Attention to **audience** is evident.

(10 POINTS) GRAMMAR, USAGE, MECHANICS

- No **run-on** sentences
- No sentence **fragments**
- No use of **contractions**
- No use of I, you, me, my, your, myself, yourself
- Pronoun/antecedent agreement**
- Subject/verb agreement**; correct **verb tense** usage
- Punctuation** is correct; **capitalization** is correct.
- Spelling is error free**.

(10 POINTS) RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS

- 3-5** (or more) **appropriate sources** were used; two sources may be an Internet source.
- Bibliography** format is correct.
- Outline** data is logical and clear.
- Original Title (avoid generic title)** is in proper format.
- Paper is **typed** using proper form.
- Works Cited Page** is in proper form.

- All paraphrased information except "common" or "general" knowledge is cited parenthetically.**
- All quotations are cited parenthetically.**
- Text is in the student's own words. PLAGIARISM WILL RESULT IN A GRADE OF ZERO!**