

The Fur Trade in Wisconsin

Read the paragraph to learn something about the fur trade in Wisconsin. Then search for the underlined words in the puzzle. Circle the words which can start in any direction.

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The fur trade was one of the first reasons for Europeans to explore Wisconsin. The pelts of the river otter, muskrat, marten, mink, weasel, fisher, lynx, bear, and especially, the beaver were valuable. Indians would trap these animals and then barter the furs for the trade goods they wanted. Traders and Indians would meet at places such as Prairie du Chien for the rendezvous where the trading took place. Voyageurs, using birchbark canoes, would bring the furs hundreds of miles to cities such as Quebec, Montreal, and St. Louis.

