

Grease Trails and Otter Tales (4–8)

The Pacific fur trade developed quite differently in coastal British Columbia than it had in the rest of Canada. Our program examines this unique history of competition and partnerships, as well as the short and long-term impacts of the fur trade on Northern Vancouver Island.

BC Curriculum Connections

Grade 4 Social Studies

- Early contact, trade, co-operation and conflict between First Peoples and European peoples
- Demographic changes in pre-Confederation British Columbia in both First Nations and non-First Peoples communities
- Economic and political factors that influenced the colonization of British Columbia
- The impact of colonization on First Peoples societies in British Columbia
- The history of the local community and of First Peoples communities

Grade 5 Social Studies

- Past discriminatory government policies and actions
- First Peoples land ownership and use

Grade 6 Social Studies

- Economic policies and resource management, including effects on Indigenous peoples
- Regional and international conflict

Grade 7 Social Studies

- Interactions and exchanges between past civilizations and cultures, including conflict, peace, trade, expansion, and migration

Grade 8 Social Studies

- Interactions and exchanges of resources, ideas, arts, and culture between and among different civilizations
- Exploration, expansion, and colonization
- Changes in population and living standards