

Trading at the Trading Post

1. Which was worth more: a buckskin (the skin of a male deer) or a raccoon pelt? What was the difference in value?
2. How many muskrat furs equal the value of three beaver pelts?
3. How much credit could you get for the furs of five muskrats, four bucks, two raccoons, and one otter?
4. How many beaver pelts would you need to trade for the cheapest horse? How much credit would you have left?
5. How many raccoon and muskrat furs would you need to buy three yards of flannel?
6. How many pounds of lead could you trade for one beaver fur, two buckskins, and five raccoon pelts?
7. If you traded \$15.00 worth of furs, could you buy a shirt, a breech cloth, and a sheet iron kettle?
8. Could you afford the most expensive trade gun if you had ten buckskins, four beaver furs, and three otter pelts?
9. How many raccoon pelts would you need to trade for six feet of chain? How many feet of chain could you afford if you'd trapped two otters?
10. What is the total number of furs Colonel Davenport collected from the Sauk and Mesquakie at his trading post on Rock Island in 1820?