Social Studies 9 Block C/D… April 3, 2019

Remember our previous class…and then read pp. 130-134 in Horizons.

**Hudson Bay Company**

* “Stay by the Bay” No inland traders -HBC encouraged First Nations to come to HBC posts
* Employees signed on for term and were paid a set rate (ex. £10/year)
* Employees forbidden to “marry” aboriginal women. Must follow the rules!
* Standard of Trade was strict/little room for bargaining (prices were set)
* No Alcohol offered for trade
* Bosses lived in London, England and made the rules (never set foot in Canada)
* Shipped furs directly to England
* Hudson Bay is ice-free only from July to mid-September
* Main trading fort: York Factory

**Northwest Company**

* Less rigid and bossy than the HBC-the employees shared in the profit
* Bosses lived in Montreal
* *Hivernants* (wintering partners)
* Did the actual fur trading & hunting
* Spent the winter in the country gathering furs and returned each spring to Montreal
* Encouraged to “marry” aboriginal women and “mingle” with her family
* *Voyageurs*
  + Muscle power to paddle canoes and carry cargo
  + Mapped new areas and established new trading posts

More relaxed in trading standards – willing to bargain and even traded alcohol

1. Why do you think the HBC had the policy of “Stay-at-the Bay”? Provide as many reasons as you can think of that made it more profitable to have the furs brought to them.
2. Why do you think the HBC abandoned its policy of “Stay-by-the Bay” and started to build forts throughout Rupert’s Land. What impact do you think this had on HBC employees?
3. List all the advantages of the York boat vs the Canoe. (if you think the canoe is better tell me why).
4. In your opinion, which company was better (more profit, happier employees, happier customers, etc.) -HBC or NWC? Provide support for your choice!