

## Foundations of British Columbia

**PART A: THE OREGON TERRITORY** (pages 208-213)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ were the first Europeans to make contact with the First Nations in BC.
2. While the East saw a flourishing trade in beaver pelts, the West's fur trade centered around \_\_\_\_\_ pelts. The following countries participated in this fur trade:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Three nations each believed they had claim to the land that will become BC.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_: claimed control all the way down to the northern tip of Vancouver Island
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_: claimed control of the Oregon Territory (spanning from Haida Gwaii to northern California)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_: claimed the region as an extension of Rupert's Land
4. Compare and contrast how America and Britain wanted to use the Oregon Territory.  
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\_\_\_\_\_.
5. To show claim to the Oregon Territory, the HBC created two new forts in the region: Fort \_\_\_\_\_ and Fort \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ knew that Americans were coming to the region and encouraged them to settle south of the Columbia River by offering \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. This reduced competition for the HBC.
7. Now that the HBC had settled their concerns about their southern neighbours, they turned their attention north to deal with \_\_\_\_\_. An agreement was made that stated \_\_\_\_\_. In exchange, the HBC would supply food to Russian posts using \_\_\_\_\_.

8. George Simpson was concerned that American settlers in the Oregon Territory may take control of the area and Fort Vancouver. As a result, he asked \_\_\_\_\_ to create a new fort on Vancouver Island called \_\_\_\_\_.

**PART B: THE COLONY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND** (pages 213-216)

*Determine if the following statements are True or False. If they are false, correct the statement so it reads true.*

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| T | F | America wanted to control all of the land up to 54° 40' North.                                  |
| T | F | America and Britain went to war to finalize the border at 49° North.                            |
| T | F | To show official claim to the land, Britain made Vancouver Island a colony.                     |
| T | F | James Douglas was the governor of the colony and wanted to attract American settlers.           |
| T | F | Britain wanted a new social class system to be created in the colony.                           |
| T | F | The fur trade was the only economic activity in the colony.                                     |
| T | F | Douglas established a Legislative Assembly that was appointed and he would not have Veto power. |
| T | F | There were an equal number of British immigrants and First Nations in the colony.               |
| T | F | Douglas signed treaties with First Nations on Vancouver Island to acquire the land.             |
| T | F | The Douglas Treaties were the only treaties signed in BC until the 2000 Nisga'a Treaty.         |

## **PART C: THE COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND CONFEDERATION** (pages 225-227)

The main reason the Colony of Vancouver Island and the Colony of British Columbia concerned joining together was to solve their \_\_\_\_\_ problem. The Colony of Vancouver Island owed \$\_\_\_\_\_ and the Colony of British Columbia owed over \$\_\_\_\_\_. The main reason each colony was in debt was because the \_\_\_\_\_ came to an end and this was the main way each colony was earning money. British Columbia came into being on \_\_\_\_\_ and this is a statutory holiday for us each year. Governor \_\_\_\_\_ became the governor of this new united colony. He would govern with a \_\_\_\_\_ Council made up of \_\_\_\_\_ members, \_\_\_\_\_ of which were elected. This was not a \_\_\_\_\_ government!

Creating a united colony did not solve the economic or population issues. The idea of joining \_\_\_\_\_ was one option for solving these 2 issues. There were 3 different opinions: pro-Confederation, anti-Confederation, and those who wanted us to join \_\_\_\_\_. Interestingly, pro-Confederationists and annexationists believed in the same principle: BC could not survive on its own. Where they differed was with which country we should be connected to. Annexationist believed it made more sense to join the US because the rest of Canada was too \_\_\_\_\_, we could sell our \_\_\_\_\_ in the US market, and it was more likely \_\_\_\_\_ would come from the US than across Canada. The colony of BC had demands for joining Canada: pay for our \_\_\_\_\_ and build a \_\_\_\_\_ linking us to the East.

Confederation got a boost when Governor \_\_\_\_\_ replaced Seymour. He was a personal friend of John A. Macdonald, so no surprise he favoured the idea of uniting with Canada! Together, the pro- and anti-Confederationists drafted a list of proposals that were accepted by Canada. Upon return, Governor Musgrave promised he would grant \_\_\_\_\_ government if the Legislature agreed to join Canada. Who could refuse that?! On \_\_\_\_\_, British Columbia became the 6<sup>th</sup> province to join Canada.