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## Beavers: Curriculum Integration Guide

Show off what you learned about Beavers!

True or False?

### ANSWER KEY



  T   1. Beavers create habitat for other animals.

  F   2. Bank Beavers are a different species than beavers that build lodges. *There is only one species of beaver. Some build lodges, some dig dens in the banks of ponds or streams.*

  F   3. Beavers are active during the day. *While beavers are sometimes seen during the day, they are generally active from sundown until dawn.*

  F   4. A beaver knows what direction a tree will fall when it gnaws it down. *Beavers can't tell what direction a tree will fall. Beavers have been found pinned under a tree.*

  T   5. Beavers eat only plants... not fish!

  T   6. It takes 2 or 3 nights for a beaver to gnaw down a tree that is one foot wide.

  F   7. Beavers hibernate in winter. *Beavers are active in winter, spending most of their time in their lodges. Beavers store food on the bottom of ponds to eat in winter.*

  F   8. Beavers eat wood as they gnaw down trees. *Beavers eat bark, and the young twigs and buds at the ends of branches.*

  F   9. Beavers kill trees when they gnaw them down. *Trees often grow back bushier after a beaver gnaws the main trunk down. Beavers enjoy eating this new growth.*

  F   10. Beavers use their tails to carry and pack mud. *Beavers use their front paws to carry and pack mud.*

Why did people trap beavers from the 1500s through the 1800s?

  The fur was used to make felt hats.  

How are beavers related to Westward Expansion?

  As trappers removed beavers from the eastern territories, they had to go further and further west to find more to supply the hat industry. Trading posts and villages were built along the way.  

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