CHAPTER 2: EARLY ENCOUNTERS

Coastal People vs. Plateau People

Coastal

Compare the Coastal and Plateau tribes in the Venn diagram.

- Used Giant Red Cedar trees
  - Forest for shelter
  - Clothing
  - Transportation
  - Wealth was important, gave higher social status
  - Semi-permanent homes (longhouses)

- Used Columbia River for food and transportation
  - Nomadic because of extreme seasons
  - Winter villages, summer teepees
  - Horses became important

How did horses arrive in the United States?

Spanish explorers brought horses to Mexico, and then horses were traded up into what is now the USA.

The first Europeans to come in contact with the natives of the NW were explorers looking for the Northwest Passage. What was this?

The Northwest Passage refers to a quick way to go from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean (to link Europe and Asia in a short trade route), without having to go all the way around South America (Panama Canal hadn't yet been constructed).
Captain Cook's men didn't find the NW Passage, but what other lucrative industry did they discover?

Selling sea otter pelts became a lucrative industry.

Why did the fur trade eventually end?

The fur trade ended because both sea otters and beavers were over-hunted, almost to extinction. Also, silk became more fashionable than beaver in top hats.

How does this connect to today's environmental concerns? Be specific. **You will not find this in the textbook. You need to think critically.

Answers will vary.

Think about natural resources and how we use/conserve them.

Lewis and Clark

Who sent Lewis and Clark to the Pacific Ocean? What were three things the men were supposed to do?

President Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark

1. To see if river travel was possible all the way to the Pacific Ocean

2. To map the Louisiana Purchase

3. To learn about the people, land, animals, and plants