

Trade Route Sort

Tell traded goods from obstacles to trade.

SS.6.E.3.2 "Categorize products that were traded among civilizations, and give examples of barriers to trade of those products."

NAME _____

DATE _____

TRADED PRODUCT

A traded product is a good that people can carry or send to another place to exchange or sell.

Olive oil

TRADE BARRIER

A trade barrier is something that makes trade harder, slower, more costly, or unsafe.

A desert with no water

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each item, circle PRODUCTS or BARRIERS, then pick two items and explain how you knew which category each belongs to.

1. Salt

PRODUCTS

BARRIERS

2. Copper tools

PRODUCTS

BARRIERS

3. High taxes on goods

PRODUCTS

BARRIERS

4. Pottery

PRODUCTS

BARRIERS

5. A storm damages a trade road

PRODUCTS

BARRIERS

6. A war makes travel unsafe

PRODUCTS

BARRIERS

7. Furs

PRODUCTS

BARRIERS

8. Wheat

PRODUCTS

BARRIERS

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of a traded product and one new example of a trade barrier.

PRODUCTS _____

BARRIERS _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one traded product and one trade barrier, then write two sentences explaining how the barrier could affect trade in that product.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Salt	PRODUCTS	Salt was a valuable good traded between civilizations.
2	Copper tools	PRODUCTS	Tools made from copper could be exchanged or sold.
3	High taxes on goods	BARRIERS	High taxes raise the cost of trading goods.
4	Pottery	PRODUCTS	Pottery was a useful manufactured good that could be traded.
5	A storm damages a trade road	BARRIERS	Damage to a road can stop or slow merchants.
6	A war makes travel unsafe	BARRIERS	War can make trade routes dangerous or closed.
7	Furs	PRODUCTS	Furs were valuable goods traded from regions with many animals.
8	Wheat	PRODUCTS	Wheat is a food product that can be traded.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PRODUCTS:** Product: Cotton cloth.
- **BARRIERS:** Barrier: A snowy mountain pass blocks travelers.

Challenge: Merchants carry ivory across a desert. Robbers could make the trip unsafe and stop the ivory trade.

Sort answers: 1 PRODUCTS, 2 PRODUCTS, 3 BARRIERS, 4 PRODUCTS, 5 BARRIERS, 6 BARRIERS, 7 PRODUCTS, 8 PRODUCTS. In Part 2, students should identify a good that can be exchanged or an obstacle that disrupts trade.