Trade and Territory

How useful exchanges led to a dispute over land

5.C.2.5.A "although colonists and American Indians benefited from trade, disputes erupted over territorial claims."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one benefit of trade for each group. Circle two details that show why the land claim caused a dispute.

The Walking Purchase

1. In the early 1700s, Pennsylvania colonists and Lenape people traded near the Delaware River. Lenape hunters brought deer skins and furs. Colonists gave them iron tools, cloth, and other goods. Lenape families could use the tools in daily work. Colonists used the skins and furs or sold them to other buyers. Trade brought both groups something they wanted, but it did not settle who owned the land.

2. Pennsylvania leaders wanted more land for farms and towns. Lenape communities already lived on and used that land. In 1737, colonial officials said an old deed let them take as much land as a person could walk across in a day and a half. The officials hired fast walkers and cleared a path. Their walk covered far more land than many Lenape people believed they had agreed to give up.

3. This deal became known as the Walking Purchase. Lenape leaders challenged the colony's claim, saying the deal was unfair. Pennsylvania officials insisted that the land belonged to the colony and pressured Lenape families to move. Trading partners now faced a painful conflict over territory. Getting useful goods from one another had not meant they agreed about where settlers could build or where Lenape people could remain.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What did each group gain from trade, and what did they still disagree about?

2. Why could Lenape families value colonists' iron tools but oppose the 1737 land claim?

3. How did the officials' choice of walkers make the land dispute worse?

4. How did the Walking Purchase affect the relationship between the trading partners?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you are a Lenape trader speaking to a colonial trader after the Walking Purchase. Write three sentences that show how each of you benefits from trade, explain your concern about the land claim, and suggest one fair way to discuss it.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one benefit of trade for each group. Circle two details that show why the land claim caused a dispute. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did each group gain from trade, and what did they still disagree about?	**Lenape people gained goods such as iron tools and cloth. Colonists gained skins and furs. They disagreed about who had the right to the land.**
2	Why could Lenape families value colonists' iron tools but oppose the 1737 land claim?	**The tools were useful in daily work, but Lenape communities lived on and used land that colonial officials claimed.**
3	How did the officials' choice of walkers make the land dispute worse?	**The fast walkers covered far more land than many Lenape people believed they had agreed to give up.**
4	How did the Walking Purchase affect the relationship between the trading partners?	**Lenape leaders challenged the land claim, while Pennsylvania officials insisted on it and pressured Lenape families to move.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Your cloth helps my family make clothing, and the furs we trade help you earn money. I am troubled because the colony claims land our community uses, even though we did not agree to lose so much. Let our leaders meet with your leaders to discuss the claim before anyone is forced to move.

Accept other passage-supported trade benefits and explanations of the disputed land claim. For Your Turn, look for benefits to both traders, a concern about land, and a fair step for discussing the claim.