

The North West Company



Your task is to create a mind map that explains

- 1) *What was North West Company*
- 2) *Why was the North West Company important in Canadian history.*

Use the six guiding questions to help you create your mind map. Include the keywords from the box below in your mind map. You may also add pictures, drawings or clip art to your mind map.

Guiding questions:

- 1) When was the North West Company created?
- 2) Why was the North West Company created?
- 3) Who was involved in the operations of the North West Company?
- 4) Where was its head office?
- 5) Why did the Company want to expand westward and northward?
- 6) Why was the North West Company important to the history of Canada?

Other questions you have about the North West Company

Keywords

Montréal
St. Lawrence
coureurs de bois
canoes
competition

Hurons
Ottawa River
Scottish merchants
Cree and Ojibway guides
unknown territories

French fur traders
explorers
westward expansion
demand for beaver furs
trading posts

