



# THE BEAVER

The beaver is a symbol of Canada. In the 1600s European settlers came to Canada and began trading with Indigenous People for beaver pelts. They then sold these for 20 times their original price.

The demand for these pelts grew, and the hats made from them became increasingly popular. The trade of furs was very profitable, which to this day makes about 1 billion a year.

I think the beaver is a good symbol of Canada, the beaver helped the European settlers and Indigenous People establish a trade relationship (which didn't end up well but was still helpful) leading Canada's development.

# Fun Facts!

- Beavers can be underwater for up to 8 minutes
- At the end of the last ice age a species of giant beavers (up to 2 metres long) went extinct
- A group of beavers is called a Colony
- Their lifespan is up to 24 years in the wild
- There are two kinds of beaver, the American beaver and the Eurasian beaver. The Eurasian beaver has a more narrow tail and a smaller skull



Thanks for  
listening!

