



New Trade Winds

Cultural Meeting Questions: Alaska

1. A group of Tlingit Indians was returning from a trip to the Copper River when they first sighted the Russians. What valuable trade items did the Tlingits have in their boats? Ans: Furs
2. The intestines from what animal were made by Tlingit Indians into a bag to store furs? Ans: Bear
3. What did Tlingits use for binoculars during the eighteenth century? Ans: Blue hellebore plant, also called devil's club
4. What mythical being made the Tlingit world? Ans: Raven
5. If a person looked at Raven, what would he or she turn into? Ans: Stone
6. What did Tlingits think rice was, the first time they saw it? Ans: worms
7. What item most fascinated the Tlingits about the Russians? Ans: a mirror
8. What object are Tlingits most known for outside of Alaska? Ans: totem poles
9. What were traditional Tlingit houses made of? Ans: cedar or spruce wood (show a picture of a tree)
10. What did a Tlingit chief sell to LaPérouse? Ans: an island
11. What did LaPérouse find that the Tlingits wanted most to trade? Ans: iron
12. What item did LaPérouse believe was the Tlingits' most prized personal belonging? Ans: copper (or other metal) knife
13. What were the first items of trade given by the Tlingits to the French? Ans: salmon
14. The skin of what animal was sometimes used as a bag by the Tlingits to hold furs? Ans: halibut
15. What land animal was an important part of the Tlingit diet? Ans: Sitka black-tailed deer

