

Barter And Beyond Answer Key

1. Metal tools → E
2. Glass beads → C
3. Cloth and ribbons → F
4. Fishing hooks → B
5. Peace medals → A
6. Tobacco → D

Note: Some Native groups also valued tobacco for spiritual and social uses, so student answers may include additional reasoning.

Teacher's Guide

- Review the meaning of "barter" before starting.
- Discuss why some items seem small but have high value in certain cultures.
- Encourage students to explain why each match makes sense (beyond just the letter).

Differentiation

- Provide visual icons of each item for emerging readers or multilingual learners.
- Allow students to complete the matching in pairs for collaborative reasoning.
- Challenge advanced students: add two more items and justify their uses.

Engagement and Extension Ideas

- Role-play a trade negotiation between the Corps and a Native tribe.
- Create a "value scale" ranking items based on usefulness in different situations.
- Tie to geography: Which goods would be most valuable near rivers? In the mountains?