

Eastern European Trade & Nature Facts

Trade & Commerce History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What valuable fur was a significant commodity traded from the forests of Eastern Europe to Western markets, often sourced from animals like sables and ermines?

- A) Silk
- B) Cotton
- C) Furs**
- D) Spices

2. Along the Baltic Sea, what type of tree resin was a major export from Eastern European forests, used for varnishes and incense?

- A) Maple Sap
- B) Pine Resin (Amber)**
- C) Birch Bark
- D) Oak Gallnuts

3. Before extensive deforestation, what large forest animal's hide was a sought-after trade item from Eastern European woodlands, used for leather goods?

- A) Wolf
- B) Bear
- C) Deer**
- D) Boar

4. The Vistula River, a major waterway in Eastern Europe, was historically important for transporting what natural resource from inland forests to ports for export?

- A) Coal
- B) Timber**
- C) Salt
- D) Grains

5. What aquatic bird's feathers, gathered from wetlands and riverbanks in Eastern Europe, were a valuable trade good for stuffing pillows and down clothing?

- A) Swan
- B) Duck
- C) Goose**
- D) Heron

6. In the early medieval period, what East Asian trade route, which passed through parts of Eastern Europe, was known for the exchange of silk and other luxury goods?

- A) The Spice Road
- B) The Amber Road
- C) The Silk Road**
- D) The Fur Road

7. What specific type of honey, produced by bees in the vast Eastern European forests and meadows, was a highly prized trade product?

- A) Manuka Honey
- B) Buckwheat Honey
- C) Linden Flower Honey**
- D) Clover Honey

8. The development of trade in Eastern Europe was often facilitated by access to navigable rivers. Which river system was a crucial 'water highway' connecting Northern Europe with the Black Sea?

- A) The Rhine
- B) The Danube
- C) The Volga**
- D) The Elbe

9. Historically, what non-timber forest product from Eastern Europe was a significant export, used for dyes and medicinal purposes?

- A) Mushrooms
- B) Berries**
- C) Herbs (like Sage)
- D) Pine Needles

10. What domestic animal's wool, raised in the plains of Eastern Europe, was a vital commodity for the textile trade?

- A) Alpaca
- B) Sheep**
- C) Yak
- D) Llama