

Social Studies 8
Fish Merchants and the Truck System
Chapter 3 Take Home Assignment

Due Date: _____

Read pages 56 and 57 in your textbook on Fish Merchants and the attached article on the Truck System. Use both to help you answer all of the following questions. Answers must be in complete sentences, be typed or written on loose leaf and be submitted with a cover page. Completed assignments may be submitted via the DROPitTome link on my website (<http://mrthussey.weebly.com/contact-mesubmit-work.html>). The password is **ponyboy**.

1. a) Define the term **Truck System**. (2 marks)
b) Who did this system appear to benefit and why? (3 marks)
c) Why do you think self-sufficient people would need this type of system? (5 marks)
2. a) What were **two benefits** and **two drawbacks** of the truck system for fishermen (fishers)? (4 marks)
b) What were the **main benefit** and the **main drawback** of this system for merchants? (2 marks)
3. In what other instances did this type of credit-based economy exist? Why? (3 marks)
4. a) How was it possible for a fisher to have a really good catch and still go into debt to the merchant? (4 marks)
b) Explain the job of the **coller**. How could he further affect the value of a catch? (4 marks)
5. Explain why it was not always possible for fishers to negotiate better prices with another merchant in outport Newfoundland. What could fishermen do if they thought they were being treated unfairly? (4 marks)
6. a) Natural resources like fish are uncertain from year to year. Explain how this made the truck system sometimes hard on the merchants. How did they cope with this difficulty? (6 marks)
b) What were two ways in which fishermen tried to cheat the merchants? (4 marks)
7. After reading the last two paragraphs of the article on the Truck System, what is your opinion on this form of cashless economy? Was it of any real benefit to the fishermen of outport Newfoundland? Be sure to give at least three reasons to support your opinion. (10 marks)
8. a) **Submitted in typed format or neatly written on loose leaf paper. (2 marks)**
b) **Submitted with cover page. (2 marks)**

Will be marked out of a total of 55.