EXPERIENCE COMPANION · AGES 9–14

Brigade to the Rendezvous, 1815

Name _____

Date _____

It's July 1815. Bring a north canoe loaded with furs down the Kaministiquia River to the North West Company's rendezvous at Fort William. Record what you learn about the voyageurs' work.

Open it: inthelakes.ca/learn/experiences/float/rendezvous/ · About 40–60 minutes

1 Down the river

Stop 1: how heavy was a pièce (a pack)? How many did a voyageur carry on a portage?

Stops 2–4: what did the brigade do at rapids and falls? Name two ways to get past.

Stop 5: where does the name Pointe de Meuron come from?

Stop 6, Anemki Wajiw (Thunder Mountain): what did the Anishinaabe provide to the fur trade?

2 At the fort

Stop 7, the rendezvous: why did the Montreal canoes and the northern canoes meet here, instead of one crew going all the way?

Stops 8–12: one thing you learned at each place in the fort.

Place	What I learned
The gate	
The Great Hall	
The fur store and the press	
The canoe yard	
The Anishinaabe camp	

Stop 13, after 1815: why did the furs stop coming through Fort William?

Voyageur smarts, from the finale: right first time at _____ of _____ stops.

❸ In your own words

Would you have wanted to be a voyageur? Give two reasons from what you learned.