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**Purpose**

## In this opener activity, you will imagine you’re a thirteenth-century trader in the Americas. You will identify which goods you would like to exchange on an upcoming journey and explain why. This activity will allow you to consider the challenges and opportunities Indigenous Americans might have encountered.

## Process

1. Take out a blank piece of paper.
2. Imagine you are an Indigenous thirteenth-century trader in the Americas. Write down at least three goods you would like to trade on an upcoming journey and explain why. Take into account the challenges and opportunities you might encounter.
3. Working with a partner, share which goods you would like to trade and explain why. Describe what the challenges and opportunities might be.
4. Take turns discussing and feel free to respond to, add on to, or counter your partner’s statements.