

Answer Key: How did colonization change how First People made a living?

Work with a partner to read each of the sentences below. Circle the word that makes the sentence true.

1. Were First Nations people spending more or less time outdoors while working?
2. Were more of them working independently or not independently?
3. Did their work demand more or less skill?
4. Did more or less of them keep the products that they gathered or produced?
5. Did more or less of them earn a wage?
6. Did more or less of them do work that matched the work done by their ancestors?

Look at the chart “First Peoples’ Work” and the sentences above to help you answer the following questions:

How did the work of First Nations change after newcomers arrived?

They were still involved with trading, but they did more trapping for furs rather than hunting for food.

How did the work of First Nations change after BC became a colony?

They worked for wages rather than doing their traditional work.
They worked more indoors and did less skilled independent work.

How might the changes to First Nations work affect their identity?

They might have lost their connection to their ancestors, their land, and their culture.
They might have become less independent.