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## Chapter 6: Deerskin for a Pistol

- After the first colonies were successful, more people came to the New World and other colonies formed.
- Colonists began moving towards the west, away from the Atlantic Ocean.
- Some tribes fought the settlers and some welcomed and traded with them.
- The biggest problem was disease and the worst was probably smallpox.
- In 1738 and 1739, smallpox is believed to have killed more than half of the Cherokee nation.
- Trading also created problems.
- Native Americans began interacting with colonists and realized they had things they'd never had before and now wanted, such as guns, gunpowder, knives, hatchets, & metal tools.
- In order to get these things, Native Americans traded animal skins such as deer, bear, & beaver.
- Most of the animal hides were shipped to Europe, where there was a huge demand for them.
- Demand means the amount of <sup>which a</sup> good or service is wanted.
- By the early 1700s, a Cherokee could trade 3 deerskins for a hatchet and 20 deerskins for a gun.
- Native Americans grew to rely on things that came from white traders so they had to trade and hunt more than before.
- Because of this there were more fights with other tribes over hunting grounds.

### Questions to Think About

- What disease killed half of the Cherokee nation in 1738 and 1739?
- Why were more deer being hunted in 1750 than in 1650?
- How did the deer trade result in more fights between Native American tribes?