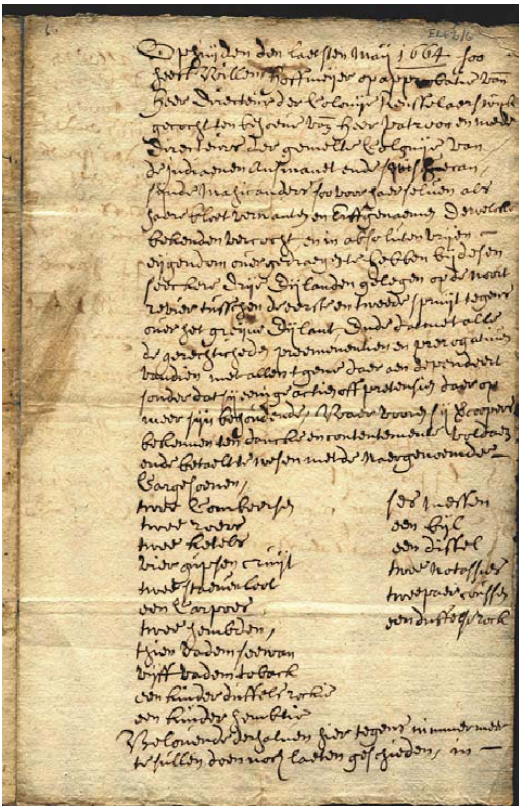


**Constructed Response Question One—Traders and Culture**



**Land Deed, Willem Hoffmeyer and three Mahicans, Rensselaerwyck, May 31, 1664, Ink on paper, EL 670/6**

**Document Transcription:**

Today, May 31, 1664, Willem Hoffmeyer bought with the approval of the Honorable Director of the Colony of Rensselaerswyck and for the Lord Patroon and his Co-Director of the above mentioned Colony from the Mohican Indians Ansinaneth and Squishecan, acting for themselves and their entire family, who agree to sell and present, as their original property, a certain three islands in the North River (Hudson River) between the First and Second stream, opposite the Green Island, as well as the rights of ownership, control and authority of the three islands and all that may be found on the islands, without keeping any rights or control of their own to the islands: Ansinaneth and Squishecan understand that they have been fully and satisfactorily paid by the following goods:

- two rugs (blankets) six knives
- two muskets (guns) one hatchet
- two kettles one adze
- four handfuls of powder two pouches
- two bars of lead two pairs of socks
- one fur cap one wool coat
- two shirts
- ten fathoms of wampum
- five strings of tobacco
- one child's coat of wool
- one child's shirt

Ansinaneth and Squishecan promise never to do or allow to be done anything that is against this land sale, all in good faith, done in the Colony of Rensselaerswyck, May 31, 1664, translated by Jacob Theunissen and Jan Mangelsen (who speak the Mohican language) as agreed.

1. What lands did the Dutch receive according to the deed?

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2. Identify three items traded to the Mohicans and provide a reason why they would benefit from receiving these items.

Item 1:

Benefit:

Item 2:

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Item 3:

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