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THE ICE TRADE

Did you know that before refrigerators were invented in the 1900s, people had to buy blocks of ice harvested from frozen lakes in the winter?

1. In the 1800s, a man named Frederic Tudor started the "Ice Trade" in New England.
2. Workers used horse-drawn ice cutters to saw giant blocks of ice from frozen ponds.
3. They stored the ice in large, insulated buildings filled with sawdust to keep it from melting during the summer.
4. Ships delivered ice all the way to warm places like Florida, the Caribbean, and even India!

1. True or False? (Circle T or F)

T / F — People in the 1800s got ice from electronic freezers.

T / F — Sawdust was used to insulate ice blocks so they wouldn't melt.

T / F — Ice harvested in New England was shipped to warm places around the world.

2. Cause & Effect: Fill in the missing part.

Cause: Workers covered the ice blocks with thick layers of sawdust.

Effect: _____

3. Map & Connection: Why would people living in warm countries pay a lot of money for ice shipped from cold northern places in the 1800s?

Answer: _____