

Keeping the Books

Worksheet: General Store Daybook, Randolph, Vermont, 1848

1. In what year is this daybook kept? _____
2. Circle all the CR transactions in green. These are credits for goods brought into the store by a customer. The storekeeper now owes the customer.
3. List 2 items that customers in the village sold to the storekeeper:

4. From reading *Ox-Cart Man*, can you think of why certain things were brought in for credit at certain times of the year? For instance, why would pork be brought in December? What sweet product might a Vermont farmer sell in March?
5. Circle all the DR transactions in red. These are the debits for goods the customer bought from the storekeeper. The customer now owes the storekeeper.
6. List 3 types of goods customers could buy at the store:

7. Where do you think some of these goods came from?
8. This daybook demonstrates how bartering worked in a New England village. Write a definition of bartering: