

DOCUMENT 1: Excerpt from *Reading the Forested Landscape*

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TAKING NOTES

<p>The European settlement of Vermont brought change to the landscape. Upland areas where forests were less dense were cleared and then settled.</p>	<p>The main idea of this paragraph is:</p>
<p>Men would usually prepare a homestead over a period of two to four summers and then be joined by their families.</p>	<p>It took _____ for the men to prepare a home for their families.</p>
<p>The men cleared land by ax—up to three acres a summer—built log cabins, and prepared fencing for animals.</p>	<p>If it took four summers to prepare a homestead, how much land did they clear for their farm? _____</p>

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In 1810 William Jarvis, American Consul to Portugal, imported 400 merino sheep to his Weathersfield, Vermont, farm. Merino sheep produce very soft, high-quality wool and a lot of it. A wool craze swept the region. By 1840 there were 1.7 million sheep in Vermont and more than 600,000 in New Hampshire.

To support all these sheep, the landscape changed. The countryside was cleared of forest to create pastures. Stone fencing, designed to keep the sheep in their pastures, crisscrossed the landscape.

The Text:	Answer the question in your own words and underline the text which gave you the information:
In 1810 William Jarvis, American Consul to Portugal, imported 400 merino sheep to his Weathersfield, Vermont, farm.	What did William Jarvis do?
Merino sheep produce very soft, high-quality wool and a lot of it.	Why would William Jarvis do this?
By 1840 there were 1.7 million sheep in Vermont and more than 600,000 in New Hampshire.	How long did it take for the sheep herd in Vermont to get very big?
To support all these sheep, the landscape changed. The countryside was cleared of forest to create pastures. Stone fencing, designed to keep the sheep in their pastures, crisscrossed the landscape.	How did the landscape change?