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| Exit Ticket1. What choices did the Bent, St. Vrain, & Co. make which enabled their venture to thrive? (possible answers)

Bent, St. Vrain, & Company chose a location that was close to: natural resources such as water from the Arkansas River, timber from cottonwood trees, herds of migrating buffalo, the trade route of the Santa Fe Trail, the homelands of the Cheyenne and Arapaho who brought buffalo robes to market, and the border from Mexico to encourage trade relationships.  1. What factors threatened their success? (possible answers)

The different communities that traded at Bent’s Fort did not always get along. U.S. policies and relationships with Native American tribal nations and Mexico had a serious impact on BSV & Co.’s ability to trade freely without making enemies. Once the U.S./Mexican war began, since Charles Bent and Ceran St. Vrain were U.S. citizens helping the military, their business and trade goods became a war target.  |