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Ch. 5 Vocab

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- 1) Tributary: a smaller river or stream that feeds into a larger river
- 2) Headwaters: the source of a stream or river
- 3) Divide: a high point or ridge that determines the direction rivers flow
- 4) Fall Line: a boundary in the eastern United States where the higher land of the Piedmont drops to the lower Atlantic Coastal Plain
- 5) Fossil Fuel: a resource formed in the Earth by plant and animal remains
- 6) Dry Farming: a farming method used in dry regions in which crops are grown that rely only on the natural precipitation
- 7) Manufacturing Belt: a concentrated region of manufacturing industries in the northeastern and midwestern United States
- 8) Sunbelt: a mild climate region in the southern and southwestern portions of the United States
- 9) Megalopolis: a large population concentration made up of several large and many smaller cities, such as the area between Boston and Washington, D.C.
- 10) Postindustrial: economy that emphasizes services and technology rather than industry and manufacturing
- 11) Foreclosure: legal proceeding in which a borrower's rights to a property are relinquished due to his or her inability to make payments on the loan
- 12) Clear-cutting: the removal of all trees in a stand of timber
- 13) Smog: haze caused by the interaction of ultraviolet solar radiation with chemical fumes from automobile exhausts and other pollution sources
- 14) Eutrophication: process by which a body of water becomes too rich in dissolved nutrients, leading to plant growth that depletes oxygen in the water
- 15) Aqueduct: a channel or pipeline for carrying a large quantity of flowing water
- 16) Petrochemical: chemical product derived from petroleum or natural gas
- 17) Agribusiness: industries involved in the production, distribution, and marketing of farm products, supplies, and equipment

- 18) Escarpment: a steep cliff or slope between a higher and lower land surface
- 19) Norther: a blast of cold northern air that sweeps across the plains, causing winter temperatures to drop below freezing
- 20) Maquiladora: a manufacturing plant owned by a foreign company
- 21) Metropolitan Area: region that includes a central city and its surrounding suburbs
- 22) Mission: religious settlement
- 23) Empresario: agent who contracted with Mexico to settle families in Texas
- 24) Secede: to withdraw
- 25) Reservation: public land set aside for Native American settlements
- 26) Diversification: the creation of a variety of businesses and industries to fuel economic growth