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Ch. 8-9 Vocab

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1) Isthmus:

a narrow strip of land connecting two larger land areas

2) Archipelago:

a group or chain of islands

3) Biodiversity:

biological diversity in an environment as indicated by numbers of different species of plants and animals

4) Population Pressure:

the sum of factors within a population that reduce the ability of an environment to support the population, therefore resulting in migration or population decline

5) Dialect:

local form of a language used in a particular place or by a certain group

6) Patois:

a dialect used in everyday speech that blends elements of several languages

7) Matriarchal:

family ruled by a woman such as a mother, grandmother, or aunt

8) Latifundia:

in Latin America, large agricultural estates owned by families or corporations

9) Minifundia:

in Latin America, small farms that produce food chiefly for family use

10) Cottage Industry:

a business that employs workers in their homes

11) Ecotourism:

the practice and business of recreational travel based on concern for the environment

12) Sedimentation:

the action or process of forming or depositing sediment

13) Reforestation:

the process of replanting an area with trees

14) Cordillera:

parallel chains or ranges of mountains

15) Altiplano:

Spanish for "high plain," a region in Peru and Bolivia encircled by the Andes

16) Escarpment:

a steep cliff or slope between a higher and lower land surface

17) Llanos:

fertile grasslands found in inland areas of Colombia and Venezuela

18) Pampas:

grassy, treeless plains of southern South America

19) Quipu:

knotted cords of various lengths and colors used by the Inca to keep financial records

20) Brain Drain:

the loss of highly educated and skilled workers to other countries

21) Uneven Development:

condition in which some places do not benefit as much as others from social and economic advancement

22) Oxisol:

a thick, weathered soil of the humid tropics that is largely depleted of fertility and nutrients

23) Monoculture:

the cultivation or growth of a single crop over a wide area for a consecutive number of years