

Vocabulary Activity

The logo for 'networks' features the word 'networks' in a bold, sans-serif font. A stylized graphic of intersecting lines, resembling a network or a starburst, is positioned behind the 'o' in 'networks'.

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Content Vocabulary

Directions: Respond to the questions or statements below using the vocabulary words shown in parentheses.

1. Why are the Continental Divide and the fall line two important physical features in the United States? (**divide, fall line**)

a "divide" directs water into different areas and the "fall line" is where high land drops to lower land

2. Explain how the spread of industry and the attraction of favorable climates changed population patterns in the United States. (**Manufacturing Belt, Sunbelt, megalopolis**)

the manufacturing belt is a region of the north and Midwest with a lot of manufacturing plants probably because of the sunbelts mild climate reaching over and the megalopolis to provide workers.

3. Describe how the modern U.S. economy has changed from its emphasis on industry and manufacturing. (**postindustrial, foreclosure**)

4. How has industrial progress in the United States hurt our natural resources and ecosystems? (**clear-cutting, acid rain, smog**)

5. Explain the process of eutrophication and its effects on a body of water. (**eutrophication**)

Directions: Choose a word or phrase from the word bank to complete each sentence.

Word Bank		
tributary	hurricanes	dry farming
headwaters	fossil fuels	aqueducts

6. In summer and early autumn, powerful ocean storms, or _____, pound the Southeast coastline.

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7. The Mississippi River flows 2,350 miles from its source, or _____.
8. To meet a region's water needs, systems of channels and pipelines called _____ carry water for hundreds of miles.
9. Due to dry conditions in the plains, farmers developed _____, a method of planting crops that rely on natural precipitation.
10. A smaller river or stream that feeds into larger rivers is called a _____.
11. _____ like coal, petroleum, and natural gas, are resources formed by animal and plant remains.

Academic Vocabulary

Directions: Match each description in the first column with the correct item in the second column. Write the letter of the answer in the blank at the left of each description.

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| _____ 12. to give to or add to | a. conflict |
| _____ 13. a competition or struggle | b. abandon |
| _____ 14. to change place or direction | c. contribute |
| _____ 15. to give up or let sit unused | d. alter |
| _____ 16. to move from one country to another | e. immigrate |
| _____ 17. to partly change something | f. shift |