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**Chapter 9- Life in theTemperate Grasslands**

1. **What is the proportion of grassland of the total land surface?**

One-forth.

1. **What does grasslands plant types mainly depend on?**

It mainly depends on two things-

Climate.

Soil.

1. **What are the types of grassland?**

Temperate grasslands.

Tropical grasslands.

1. **What are the characteristics of Temperate Grassland?**

A. The Temperate Grasslands of North America called The Prairies.

B. The cattle farms in the North American Grasslands known as Ranches.

C. Tall grass, upto two metres high, dominates the landscape.

E. The grasslands of Prairies were the home of American Indians, more popularly known as ‘Blackfoot Indians’.

1. **What are the crops found in prairies region?**

Maize, Potatoes, Soybean, Cotton, alfa-alfa etc.

1. **Which is the most important animal of prairies region?**

Bison(American Buffalo).

1. **Why Prairies is called as “Granaries of the world”?**

Due to the huge surplus of the wheat production.

1. **What does the temperate grasslands of South Africa called?**

Velds.

1. **What are the Characteristics of Velds region?**

A. Velds are rolling plateaus with varying heights ranging from 600 m to 1100 m.

B. Sheep rearing and Dairy farming are the major important occupation of the people.

C. Winters are cold and dry.

D. The rainy season in the Velds is from November to February.

E. The animals of the velds are primarily Merino sheep, lions, leopards, cheetah and kudu.

F. Velds are known for cattle rearing and mining.

1. **What are the crops grown in velds?**

Maize, Wheat, Barley, Oats, Potatoes, tobacco, Sugarcane and Cotton etc.

1. **Which place is known for being the gold capital of the world?**

Johannesburg.

1. **Which place is famous for its Diamond Mines?**

Kimberley.

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