World Geography

Activities



Chapter 1

WGO76351

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

PROFESSIONAL CREDITS

World Geography

Chapter 1, Activities

Publishers
Gene Hood
Ronald Johnson

Writers
Jonathan Bell
Timothy Baker
John Bennie

Editors
Jonathan Bell
Timothy Baker
Joyce Baker

Consulting Editors
Joyce Baker
Lydia Seals

Page Composers
Timothy Baker
Jonathan Bell

Graphic Artists
Timothy Baker
Jonathan Bell

Quality Assurance
Nancy Johnson
Kelley Griffin

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography

Introduction to Geography

ACTIVITIES
Introduction



Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. The Earth is _____ miles in circumference.
   (a) 2,500 (b) 6,000
   (c) 16,500 (d) 25,000

2. Eventually they established villages, towns, and nations, defined by boundaries that set apart _____, _____, and _____.

3. Eventually other people followed in search of food, safety, or a new beginning. They carried knowledge, tools, clothes, seeds, and weapons. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

4. GPS stands for
   (a) geographic points of service.
   (b) global positioning system.
   (c) Great Portal to the Sun.
   (d) geographically prime stations.

5. Define ***cartographer***. _____
   _____
   _____

6. To mark off distances on a map or _____, cartographers have employed a grid system.

7. Define ***longitude***. _____
   _____
   _____

8. The location given in the text, 50°37’12”N 92°6’58”W, is located in
   (a) Chicago. (b) Kenya.
   (c) Utah. (d) Ontario.

9. Define ***parallel***. _____
   _____
   _____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 1

Borders and Boundaries of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 1:
Borders and Boundaries

Using the map below, write the correct country in the corresponding numbered blank.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

13. _____ 14. _____
15. _____ 16. _____

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

17. North America is the _____ continent.
(a) largest (b) second-largest
(c) third-largest (d) fourth-largest

18. Canada is the _____ country in the world.
(a) largest (b) second-largest
(c) third-largest (d) fourth-largest

19. Northern North American nations, such as Canada and the United States, are more developed than their southern neighbors. _____
(a) True or (b) False

20. North America was named after Portuguese explorer Amerigo Vespucci, who first suggested the Americas were not India. _____
(a) True or (b) False

21. North America is located entirely in the northern and western hemispheres. _____
(a) True or (b) False

22. The three U.S. states on the West Coast are _____, _____, and _____.

23. What body of water borders the Baja California peninsula on the east? _____
_____

24. In the south, Mexico connects with the Central American nation(s) of _____
_____
(a) Belize and Yucatán. (b) Guatemala.
(c) Guatemala and Belize. (d) Yucatán.

25. The chain of islands off the southern tip of Florida is the _____.

26. The United States' largest estuary is _____
(a) the Chesapeake Bay. (b) Long Island.
(c) Cape Cod. (d) Prince Edward Island.

27. Name two islands and two bodies of water in Canada.
islands: _____
bodies of water: _____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

28. The second-largest bay in the world is the _____.

29. The Canadian Arctic Archipelago comprises the islands between the
    (a) Nunavut Territory and Canadian mainland.
    (b) Northwest Passages.
    (c) Atlantic and Arctic Oceans.
    (d) Beaufort Sea and Arctic Ocean.

30. The Northwest Passages are frequently used year-round. _____
    (a) True or (b) False

31. Canada has the _____ coastline in the world.
    (a) longest (b) second-longest
    (c) fifth-longest (d) tenth-longest

32. The boundary that Alaska's Aleutian Islands crosses, dividing the eastern and western hemispheres, is the _____.

33. Greenland is among the least populous nations in the world. _____
    (a) True or (b) False

34. Name three islands in the Caribbean. _____
    _____

35. The U.S. and Canada are divided into territories called states, while Mexico is divided into provinces. _____ (a) True or (b) False

36. The population of the Chicago metropolitan area is around _____.
    (a) 22 million. (b) 14-18 million.
    (c) 23 million. (d) 10 million.

37. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
    _____
    _____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 1

Terrain of North America



Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. The Rocky Mountains begin in _____ and end in _____.

2. Define ***fertile***. _____
_____
_____

3. The mountain chain in the eastern United States and Canada is the
(a) Rockies. (b) Sierra Madre.
(c) Appalachians. (d) Yucatán.

4. The 2300-mile Yukon River traverses Alaska in an eastern direction between the Yukon and the Bering Sea. _____
(a) True or (b) False

5. Mt. McKinley in Alaska is North America's highest peak. _____
(a) True or (b) False

6. What is the American Cordillera? _____
_____
_____

7. The Canadian Arctic Archipelago lies in _____
(a) the Yukon. (b) the Northwest Territories.
(c) the Nunavut Territories. (d) British Columbia.

Refer to the Rocky Mountains map in the text for questions 8-15. For questions 11-15, match the mountain with the correct elevation.

8. What is the easternmost mountain shown, and what is its elevation? _____
_____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

9. A majority of Colorado's highest peaks are east of Mt. Eolus. _____
(a) True or (b) False

10. How many Colorado peaks are over 14,200 feet? _____
(a) 12 (b) 14
(c) 16 (d) 18

Based on the map in the text, match the mountain with the correct elevation.

___ 11. Mt. Princeton	(a) 14,433 ft
___ 12. Pikes Peak	(b) 14,197 ft
___ 13. Mt. Sneffels	(c) 14,336 ft
___ 14. Mt. Elbert	(d) 14,150 ft
___ 15. La Plata Peak	(e) 14,110 ft

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

16. Which U.S. state is perhaps the premiere Rocky Mountain tourist destination? _____
(a) Utah (b) Wyoming
(c) Montana (d) Colorado

17. The region across the United States' middle is the Great Plains region. _____
(a) True or (b) False

18. Define ***megalopolis***. _____
_____
_____

19. The valley in Northern California between the two mountain ranges is the _____
_____
(a) San Joaquin Valley. (b) Great Basin.
(c) Sierra Nevada. (d) Great Bear Valley.

20. Across Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, precipitation falls rapidly from west to east.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

21. What two mountain ranges comprise the backbone of Mexico? _____
_____

22. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 1

Bodies of Water of
North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 3:
Bodies of Water

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. The fourth-longest river system in the world is formed by the _____ and _____ Rivers.
   (a) Great; Missouri (b) Mississippi; Missouri
   (c) Mississippi; Amazon (d) Mighty; Mississippi

2. The headwaters of the Mississippi River are in Missouri. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

3. Name two major cities through which the Mississippi travels. _____
   _____

4. If the Mississippi's girth and extent are not proof enough of its significance to the United States, its immortalization in historical and popular _____, _____, and _____ is.

5. Which of the following does NOT reference or have a connection with the Mississippi River? _____
   (a) "Moon River" (b) *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
   (c) "Big River" (d) *The Breakfast Club*

6. The Missouri lags behind the Mississippi slightly in length and source elevation.
   _____ (a) True or (b) False

7. Define ***irrigation***. _____
   _____
   _____

8. After running through cities such as Bismarck, Omaha, and Kansas City, the river finally meets with the Mississippi just north of St. Louis. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

9. The Mackenzie River in northern Canada originates at _____, cutting through 1,080 miles of taiga and tundra before emptying into the _____.

(a) Great Slave Lake; Beaufort Sea
(b) Northwest Territories; Beaufort Sea
(c) Peace Lake; Finlay Sea
(d) Great Slave Lake; Bering Sea

10. The Mackenzie River, together with the Peace and Finlay Rivers, form North America's _____ river system.

(a) longest (b) second-longest
(c) sixth-longest (d) seventh-longest

11. The Ohio River is the longest tributary of the Mississippi. _____

(a) True or (b) False

12. The river has historically been a well-traveled _____, and still handles _____ each year.

13. The Colorado River is located in the western United States and sees heavy irrigation.

_____ (a) True or (b) False

14. The Hoover Dam is located on the border of _____.

(a) California. (b) Colorado.
(c) Nevada. (d) Utah.

Match the river with its correct description or fact.

___ 15. Yukon River (a) among the most polluted rivers in North America
___ 16. Rio Grande (b) empties into the Strait of Georgia
___ 17. Fraser River (c) frozen most of the year

18. Name two North American bodies of water connected to the ocean. _____

_____

19. There are five lakes in the Great Lakes. _____

(a) True or (b) False

20. ***Barrier islands*** on the U.S. East Coast are divided from the mainland by _____

_____

(a) bays and channels. (b) gulfs and seas.
(c) lakes and bays. (d) inlets and straits.

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

Refer to the Great Lakes map in the text and label the lakes.



21. _____ 22. _____
23. _____ 24. _____
25. _____

26. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 1

Climate and Precipitation of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 4:
Climate and Precipitation

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. The disaster that struck Galveston in 1900 was a(n) _____
   (a) typhoon. (b) tornado.
   (c) hurricane. (d) earthquake.

2. The storm caused damage which today would amount to $500 million and killed 8,000 people. _____ (a) True or (b) False

3. One of the regional nicknames associated with North American natural disasters is _____.

4. North America has _____ distinct climate zones.
   (a) five (b) seven
   (c) nine (d) ten

5. North of the humid subtropical zone, a humid continental region blankets _____ and the _____, extending through Toronto and Montreal and southern areas of Ontario and Manitoba.

6. From east to west across the U.S. and Canada's middle section, and nearing the Rocky Mountains, rainfall _____
   (a) increases. (b) decreases.
   (c) does not change. (d) fluctuates wildly.

7. Tropical climate zones are found in _____ and _____.

8. What is unique about Key West, Florida? _____
   _____

9. In the humid subtropical zone, most cities rarely see freezing temperatures. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

10. The _____ coast is among the stormiest places in the country.
    (a) Alabama (b) Florida
    (c) Texas (d) Tennessee

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

11. In the humid continental zone, many cities near the coast still receive regular snowfall.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

12. ***Wind chill*** is _____
_____

(a) a warming Pacific wind in the interior West of North America.
(b) a storm in Eastern U.S. and Canada caused by clashing polar and Caribbean air masses.
(c) an area of land in which significant rainfall is blocked by adjacent mountains.
(d) a measure of apparent temperature based on both temperature and wind.

13. What aspect of the Great Lakes region's location is behind much of its weather trends? What are some of the effects of this? _____
_____
_____
_____

14. Places like Winnipeg in Canada, and Missouri and Georgia in the U.S., experience dramatic seasonal temperature swings. _____ (a) True or (b) False

15. The Great Plains region stretches from _____ to _____.

16. Temperatures in the Great Plains vary according to _____

(a) latitude. (b) longitude.
(c) precipitation patterns. (d) proximity to the Rockies.

17. Define ***Chinook***. _____
_____
_____

18. Phoenix and Las Vegas are among the United States' _____

(a) lowest places. (b) fastest-growing cities.
(c) most affluent cities. (d) most mountainous regions.

19. Edmonton, Alberta is home to the continent's largest shopping mall. _____

(a) True or (b) False

20. 81% of Greenland, including its capital Nuuk, is ***ice cap***. _____

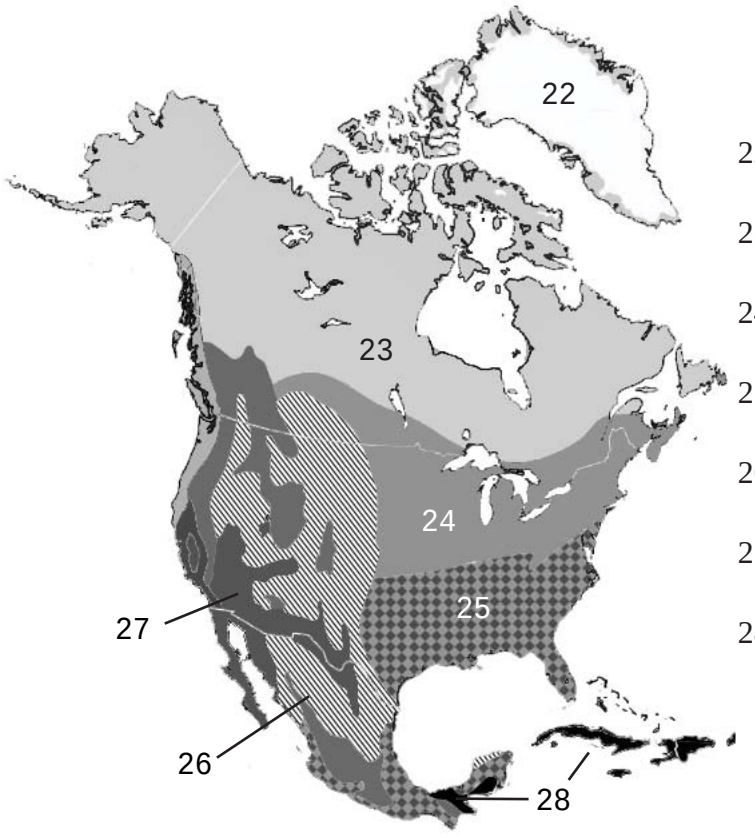
(a) True or (b) False

21. Much of Mexico, including Mexico City, has a _____ climate.

(a) semi-arid (b) Mediterranean
(c) highland (d) tropical

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

Using the map below, write the correct climate zone in the corresponding numbered blank.



22. _____

23. _____

24. _____

25. _____

26. _____

27. _____

28. _____

29. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 1

Vegetation and Wildlife of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 5:
Vegetation and Wildlife

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. Jon Krakauer's *Into the Wild* documented the journey and death of 24-year-old _____.

2. This character died in the wilderness of Montana. _____
(a) True or (b) False

3. Alaska, home to only 686,000 people and some of North America's _____ _____, has long been equated with _____ _____.

4. According to the text, which is NOT a tree found in Alaska? _____
(a) pine (b) fir
(c) palm (d) spruce

5. Circle the animals in the word bank that live in Alaska.

WORD BANK

Arctic fox	parrot	Kodiak bear	koala bear
musk oxen	American porpoise	polar bear	great white shark
white-tailed deer	bald eagle	panda bear	condor

NOTE: Question 6 will have two correct answers.

6. Which bears in the word bank do NOT compete for the title of the world's largest bear? _____
_____
(a) koala bear (b) polar bear
(c) Kodiak bear (d) black bear

7. From the western Yukon to Newfoundland, spruce and oak trees dominate the landscape.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

8. Which tree's leaf adorns the Canadian flag? _____
(a) spruce (b) birch
(c) maple (d) fir

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

9. The wolverine, a type of bear, is often incorrectly thought to be related to the weasel.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

10. In _____ and the _____ region, coniferous trees give way to deciduous varieties like oak, birch, and hemlock.

11. Briefly explain the relationship between elevation and tree type (coniferous or deciduous) in the Eastern United States. _____
_____
_____

12. In Maryland, the oriole is _____
_____

(a) harvested as a popular delicacy for restaurants.
(b) prey for snapping turtles, who nab unsuspecting birds near water.
(c) the mascot for Baltimore's MLB franchise.
(d) indispensable to the local ecosystem.

13. Most of the Eastern United States lies in a _____ zone.

14. Ohio State University's mascot is the buckeye, which is a widespread _____ in the region.

(a) rodent (b) flower
(c) bird (d) tree

15. Johnny Appleseed was a Christian missionary who planted apple trees throughout Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. _____ (a) True or (b) False

16. In Washington, D.C. and other cities, the _____ lines roadways and downtown areas.

17. Define ***cash crop***. _____
_____
_____

18. What animal is among the most prolific in the United States, and Texas in particular?
_____

(a) white-tailed deer (b) buffalo
(c) peregrine falcon (d) black-footed ferret

19. The Pacific Northwest is semi-arid, not capable of supporting extensive or deep-rooted vegetation. _____ (a) True or (b) False

20. Lewis and Clark traversed the Pacific Northwest in the 19th century in their journey across the _____.

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

21. Tropical flowers like hibiscus, orchids, and begonias are found throughout the Caribbean.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

Refer to the White-Tailed Deer map in the text for questions 22-25.

22. In which four states does the white-tailed deer not exert a presence?
(a) California, Alaska, Hawaii, Arizona
(b) Alaska, Hawaii, Arizona, Colorado
(c) California, Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada
(d) Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah

23. In which Canadian province does the deer live farthest north? _____

24. No white-tailed deer live on the island of Newfoundland. _____
(a) True or (b) False

25. Of the states in which the deer lives, in which is its range most narrow? _____
(a) Nevada (b) California
(c) Colorado (d) Utah

26. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

Ask your teacher for the quiz over topics 1 - 5 before proceeding to the next section. Reminder: If you score 85% or higher on the three section quizzes, you may be exempt from the chapter test.

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 2

Famous Events and Sites of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 6:
Famous Events and Sites

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. Niagara Falls, actually comprised of two independent falls near Buffalo, New York, carries between 100,000 and 200,000 cubic feet of water over the cliffs every hour, which measure 173 feet at their highest point. _____ (a) True or (b) False

2. What feature determines the flow of the waterfall? _____
_____

3. Mention Revolutionary War battlefields such as Gettysburg or Antietam, and you'll be as likely referring to a historical event as to a place, as the conflicts there have become synonymous with their place names. _____ (a) True or (b) False

4. Times Square in New York City is nicknamed _____
   (a) the "Heart of Manhattan."
   (b) the "Crossroads of the World."
   (c) "Little Broadway."
   (d) the "Big Apple."

5. According to the text, which is NOT a corporation with office space in Times Square? _____
_____
   (a) Morgan Stanley
   (b) New York Times
   (c) NBC
   (d) Bank of America

6. The National Mall dates back to 1790, when Washington, D.C. was formally established by the government. _____ (a) True or (b) False

7. Which two documents are housed at the National Archives? _____
_____

8. Washington, D.C. is known for memorials to patriots such as _____, Jefferson, _____, Monroe, and Lincoln.

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

9. Which Northeastern city is home to the First and Second Banks of the United States and Independence Hall? _____

(a) Washington, D.C. (b) Boston
(c) Philadelphia (d) Plymouth

10. Define ***speakeasy***. _____
_____
_____

11. In the past, Montreal served as a fur trading post. _____
(a) True or (b) False

Match the Canadian site or destination with its correct city.

___ 12. Clock Tower
___ 13. Exhibition Place
___ 14. Old City historic area
___ 15. Harbourfront Centre
___ 16. CN Tower

(a) Quebec City
(b) Montreal
(c) Toronto

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

17. Gettsyburg, Pennsylvania was the site of _____
_____

18. The Alamo in San Antonio is the site of _____
_____

(a) the invention of the Bowie knife.
(b) a cultural hotspot for Hispanic culture.
(c) President John F. Kennedy's assassination.
(d) an 1835 battle between Texas and Mexico.

19. In Tombstone, Arizona, the Wild West still lives, fueled largely by the history of the gunfight at the O.K. Corral in 1881. _____ (a) True or (b) False

20. _____ is host to many 2010 Winter Olympic events.

21. Which president is NOT featured on South Dakota's Mt. Rushmore? _____
(a) Washington (b) Roosevelt
(c) Madison (d) Lincoln

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

For questions 22-25, refer to the chart of America's most visited places in the text.

22. How many people does Disney World's Magic Kingdom theme park attract annually? _____

(a) 14.9 million (b) 7 million
(c) 20 million (d) 17.1 million

23. Which of the top 10 attractions is (are) located in California? _____

24. Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the only attraction to spread across two U.S. states. _____ (a) True or (b) False

25. Where is Navy Pier located? _____

26. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 2

Race and Ethnicity of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 7:
Races and Ethnicities

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. Christopher Columbus was preceded in the Americas by _____

2. The first of these landed in _____ in 1003.
   (a) Newfoundland (b) Greenland
   (c) Massachusetts (d) Alaska

3. Most historians today believe North America was populated by _____
   _____ several thousand years before Christ.

4. These people most likely sailed across the Bering Strait from Asia to Alaska. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

5. Which was NOT a factor in the decline of Native Americans following European arrival in the 15th and 16th centuries? _____
   (a) conflict (b) alcoholism
   (c) diseases (d) earthquakes

6. Name two battles between settlers and Native Americans that took place in South Dakota and Montana.
   _____
   _____

7. In 1841, the U.S. government ordered the relocation of numerous southeastern tribes to Oklahoma in what would be called the _____.

8. Today, most North Americans feel deeper ties to specific national heritages than to general ones based on a continent, for example. _____ (a) True or (b) False

9. Define ***Mestizo***. _____
   _____
   _____

10. In Mexico, _____% of the population is Mestizo in background, while _____% is chiefly Native American. The remaining _____% is mostly unmixed white.

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

11. Most immigration to the United States in recent years has come from Mexico and Latin America. _____ (a) True or (b) False

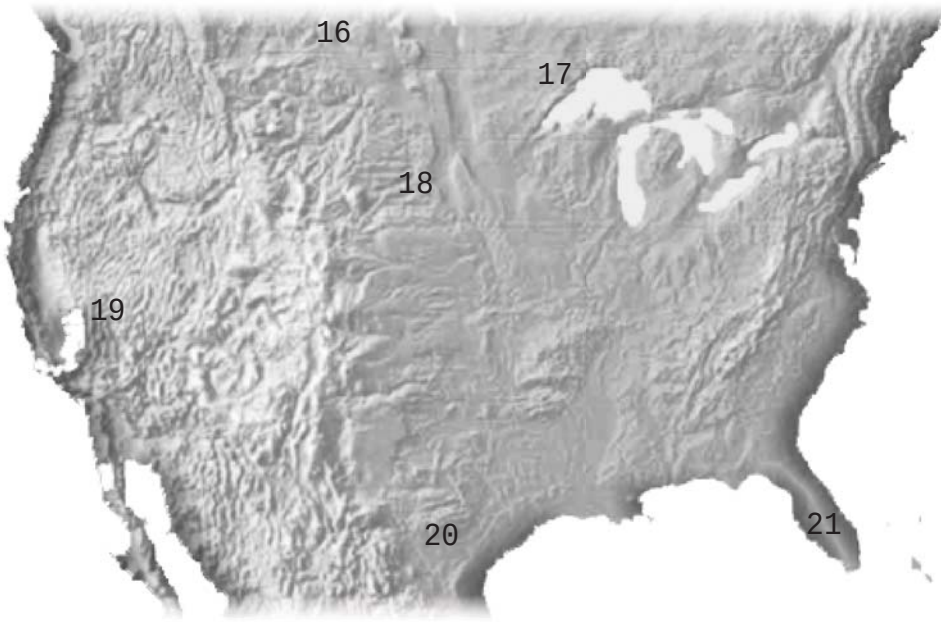
12. List two factors that have contributed to the growth of Hispanic population in the United States. _____
_____

13. By 2050, Hispanics will constitute 30% of the U.S. population. _____
(a) True or (b) False

14. Blacks' concentrations are highest in the South, the region where _____
_____, although they are widespread near major Northeastern and Midwestern metropolises as well.

15. Define ***ethnographer***. _____
_____
_____

Using the map below, write the correct American Indian tribe in the corresponding numbered blank.



16. _____ 17. _____
18. _____ 19. _____
20. _____ 21. _____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

22. More American Indians than Asian-Americans live in the United States. _____
(a) True or (b) False

23. The majority of Canadian residents identify a _____ heritage.
(a) Western European (b) French
(c) English (d) Ukrainian

24. What is the second-largest French-speaking city in the world? _____

25. The Mexican Constitution officially endorses all of these races EXCEPT
(a) Mestizos. (b) Europeans.
(c) Asians. (d) indigenous peoples.

26. Spanish influence in the Caribbean islands is virtually nonexistent. _____
(a) True or (b) False

27. Most Caribbean islands are dominated ethnically by _____.

28. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 2

Languages of
North America



Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. Define ***dialect***. _____
_____
_____

2. Websites such as the one described work because of _____
_____.

3. Which is NOT a form speech differences among dialects take? _____
(a) pronunciations (b) vocabularies
(c) expressions (d) alphabets

4. Throughout North America, approximately 315 million people speak English fluently.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

5. In the U.S., 98% of the population speak English as a native tongue. _____
(a) True or (b) False

6. Which Caribbean nation has the highest prevalence of English? _____
(a) Barbados (b) Jamaica
(c) Cuba (d) Puerto Rico

7. Over half of North America's Spanish speakers, both as a native language and secondarily, live in Mexico. _____ (a) True or (b) False

8. In addition to Mexico, the United States, and Cuba, other countries with significant Spanish-speaking populations include _____, with 10 million; _____, with 7 million; and _____, with 1 million.

9. Explain the relationship between Canada's two primary languages, providing information about where each thrives. _____
_____
_____
_____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

10. Name two major cities where Canada's secondary language dominates. _____
_____

11. There are more Chinese speakers in the United States than in Canada. _____
(a) True or (b) False

12. Asian tongues are most prevalent on the Pacific coast, especially in major cities like _____, _____, and _____.
(a) San Diego; Sacramento; Portland
(b) Seattle; Victoria; Oakland
(c) Los Angeles; San Francisco; Vancouver
(d) Tijuana; San Jose; Eugene

13. Some of the biggest casualties on the North American linguistic landscape since the era of European colonization have been Native American tongues. _____
(a) True or (b) False

14. The use of indigenous languages in Mexico fell from ____% in 1820 to ____% in 2000.

15. Define ***manifest destiny***. _____
_____
_____

16. The first book published in a Native American language was *Upbiblum*, which was a collection of passages from what book? _____
(a) the Bible (b) *Barlett's Quotations*
(c) *The Odyssey* (d) *Common Sense*

17. The 2002 film *Windtalkers* depicts the Marines' use of the Blackfoot language as a code during World War II. _____ (a) True or (b) False

18. Native tongues still flourish in some areas of North America, particularly in _____
_____.

19. Nahuatl and Yucatec Maya in Mexico boast millions of speakers. _____
(a) True or (b) False

For questions 20-23, refer to the Language Distribution in Canada chart in the text.

20. What is the only province with a Francophone majority? _____

21. Which province has the highest percentage of English speakers? _____
(a) Alberta (c) Newfoundland and Labrador
(b) Saskatchewan (d) Prince Edward Island

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

22. A majority of Nunavut residents speak languages other than English or French. _____
(a) True or (b) False

23. What percentage of Ontario residents speak French? _____

24. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 2

Religions of North America



Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. Complete the sentence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are _____, that they are endowed by their Creator with _____, that among these are Life, Liberty, and _____."

2. The statement is important, both for its human rights focus and its recognition of a Creator, an assertion that would shape education for generations. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

3. North America's earliest settlers came to the continent primarily in search of religious freedom. _____ (a) True or (b) False

4. The religious landscape at the time, which the Puritans viewed as oppressive and intolerant, was dominated by the _____
   (a) Pilgrims. (b) Anglican Church.
   (c) Church of England. (d) Protestant Reformation.

5. Describe the current correlation between many nations' political and economic fortunes and religious involvement. _____
   _____
   _____
   _____

6. Recent polls have found that nearly ____% of the U.S. population believe in God.
   (a) 42 (b) 47
   (c) 62 (d) 90

7. Christianity's prevalence is highest in Canada. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

8. In 1660, the Dutch Reformed colony of _____ was among the first Protestant settlements in North America.
   (a) New Netherland (b) Jacksonville
   (c) St. Augustine (d) Williamsburg

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

9. Which was NOT a denomination that settled in North America in the early colonial days? ___
_____

(a) Mennonites (b) Lutherans
(c) Mormons (d) Catholics

10. What happened in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire that helped various religious denominations? _____
_____

11. Ontario and Quebec were settled by Anglicans and Presbyterians. _____
(a) True or (b) False

12. During the Great Awakening, a general spiritual revival swept across the continent, spearheaded by preachers such as _____.

13. Christianity is more widespread in the _____ rather than the _____.
(a) south; north (b) north; south
(c) east; west (d) west; east

14. There are more Catholics than Protestants in the United States. _____
(a) True or (b) False

15. What is unique about Mennonite and Amish populations spread throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania? _____
_____
_____

16. Salt Lake City, Utah is dominated by Mormonism, although the rest of the state is mainly Lutheran. _____ (a) True or (b) False

17. Define ***voodoo***. _____
_____
_____

For questions 18-20, refer to the Bible Belt map in the text.

18. Which state is entirely inside the Bible Belt? _____
(a) Texas (b) Missouri
(c) Virginia (d) South Carolina

19. The Bible Belt stretches from the Atlantic Ocean in the east as far west as _____
(a) New Mexico (b) Utah
(c) Arizona (d) Louisiana

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

20. The Bible Belt includes the city of El Paso, Texas. _____
(a) True or (b) False

21. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 2

Transportation of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 10:
Transportation

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. The interstate highway system was authorized in _____ by President _____.
   (a) 1965; Kennedy (b) 1934; Roosevelt
   (c) 1935; Truman (d) 1956; Eisenhower

2. The massive undertaking, whose initial completion took 35 years and $425 billion dollars (in 2006), linked _____ alike, provided high-volume transportation through _____, and revolutionized both local and long-distance travel in America.

3. The interstate system's upkeep consumes only a modest portion of the federal government's budget each year. _____ (a) True or (b) False

4. Tolled stretches of interstate were either preexisting or under construction at the time of the system's authorization and were designated interstates without lifting the tolls. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

For questions 5-9, match the interstate system element or characteristic with the correct definition or explanation.

____ 5. divisible by five	(a) primary connections among cities
____ 6. odd-numbered roads	(b) higher-volume routes connecting major cities
____ 7. two-digit numbers	(c) loops, spurs, and bypasses
____ 8. even-numbered roads	(d) east-west routes
____ 9. three-digit numbers	(e) north-south routes

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

10. Canadian highways include the _____, the _____, and the _____.

11. Mexico's 200,000-mile network of roads is mostly paved. _____
    (a) True or (b) False

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

12. What is unique about the Pan-American Highway? _____
_____

13. Which city does not have extraordinarily long commute times? _____
(a) Toronto (b) Washington, D.C.
(c) Mexico City (d) San Antonio

14. North Americans use personal automobiles more than any other region of the world._____
(a) True or (b) False

15. Name three reasons residents living in urban areas without cars cite for their rejection of automobile dependency. _____
_____
_____

16. Light rail carries fewer people at lower speeds than do transportation options like subway systems and heavy rail. _____ (a) True or (b) False

17. The streetcar system in _____ has been in continuous operation since 1873.
(a) San Francisco (b) San Diego
(c) San Felipe (c) San Bernardino

Rank the following ports in order from busiest to least busy. (Read the paragraph carefully)

____ 18. Port of South Louisiana
____ 19. Port of Vancouver
____ 20. Port of New York & New Jersey

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

21. In addition to their importance to _____, water transportation is significant _____, and river cruises and ferry rides are important facets of local tourism industries.

22. What economic activity is of huge importance to many Caribbean economies? _____
_____
(a) fishing (b) cargo shipping
(c) textiles (d) cruises

23. Define ***urbanite***. _____
_____
_____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

24. The urban design movement, New Urbanism, is characterized by walkable neighborhoods and green architecture. _____ (a) True or (b) False

25. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

Ask your teacher for the quiz over topics 6 - 10 before proceeding to the next section. Reminder: If you score 85% or higher on the three quizzes, you may be exempt from the chapter test.

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 3

Governments of North America



You are making progress! **Answer the following questions. Circle the correct answers, or fill in the blanks with words, letters, or numbers as each question indicates. Check your answers from the Answer Key. Correct all errors, then complete your next goal.**

1. The monarch of Canada is _____, the same monarch in Great Britain and a handful of other countries.

2. In reality, political power in Canada is vested in a prime minister and a bicameral legislature, which together form a government called a constitutional monarchy. _____
(a) True or (b) False

3. The prime minister is appointed by the _____
(a) Queen. (b) Governor General.
(c) House of Commons. (d) British Commonwealth.

4. The prime minister rules for five-year terms and is removable only by resignation or the request of the monarch. _____ (a) True or (b) False

5. Define ***residual power***. _____
_____
_____

6. The world's oldest surviving federation is _____
(a) Greenland. (b) Canada.
(c) the United States. (d) Mexico.

7. Which of the following groups does NOT vote in U.S. presidential elections? _____
_____
(a) U.S. citzens living in their home states
(b) military service members living overseas
(c) Washington, D.C. residents
(d) non-military U.S. citizens living overseas

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

Match the branch of government with its correct function.

____ 8. executive	(a) interprets and determines laws' constitutionality
____ 9. legislative	(b) writes legislation; declares war
____ 10. judicial	(c) vetoes laws; nominates judges and officials

Fill in the blank.

11. The United States' highest court is called the _____.

12. Explain the difference between representative and direct democracies. _____
_____
_____

13. Within individual cities and towns, the chief official is typically the mayor, who is appointed and sets the city's agenda and direction along with a handful of other responsibilities.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

14. Appointees to Mexico's Supreme Court of Justice are nominated to one fifteen-year term.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

15. What unique power do Mexican states have under certain conditions? _____
_____

16. Which is NOT a problem that has plagued the Mexican political and social structure in the last twenty years? _____
(a) drug trafficking (b) an overwhelmingly dominant political party
(c) political corruption (d) discriminatory suffrage laws

17. Following the Cuban Revolution, aspiring young politician Fidel Castro came to power, first as prime minister from 1959 to 1976, and, subsequently, as president until his retirement in 2008. _____ (a) True or (b) False

18. Which nation is a dependency? _____
(a) Greenland (b) Haiti
(c) the Dominican Republic (d) Puerto Rico

19. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 3

Diplomatic Relations of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 12:
Diplomatic Relations

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. The 1999-2000 immigration controversy centered on a Cuban boy named _____ _____.

2. Residents of Miami's Cuban-American community supported the boy's return to Cuba.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

3. Define ***embargo***. _____
_____
_____

4. Which of these is among the U.S.'s and some other country's issues with Cuba? _____
_____
(a) human rights violations
(b) refugees who escape and illegally come to the U.S.
(c) its relationship with Canada
(d) its attraction of U.S. companies the U.S. wants to keep at home

5. What Venezuelan president has promoted and facilitated friendship with Cuba? _____
_____

6. In Mexico, an increasingly stable government has led to positive relations nearly worldwide. _____ (a) True or (b) False

7. Identify a few of the effects of NAFTA throughout North America. _____
_____
_____

8. In recent years, what problem has marred U.S.–Mexico relations? _____
(a) the elimination of tariffs
(b) the United States' pursuit of two wars
(c) the trafficking of U.S. drugs across the Mexican border
(d) rampant illegal immigration

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

9. Which is NOT a charge some critics have made against U.S. foreign policy? _____

_____

(a) strong support for Israel
(b) lack of response towards communism in other countries
(c) attempting to curtail nuclear weapons while possessing a huge arsenal itself
(d) rejection of wildly popular environmental treaties

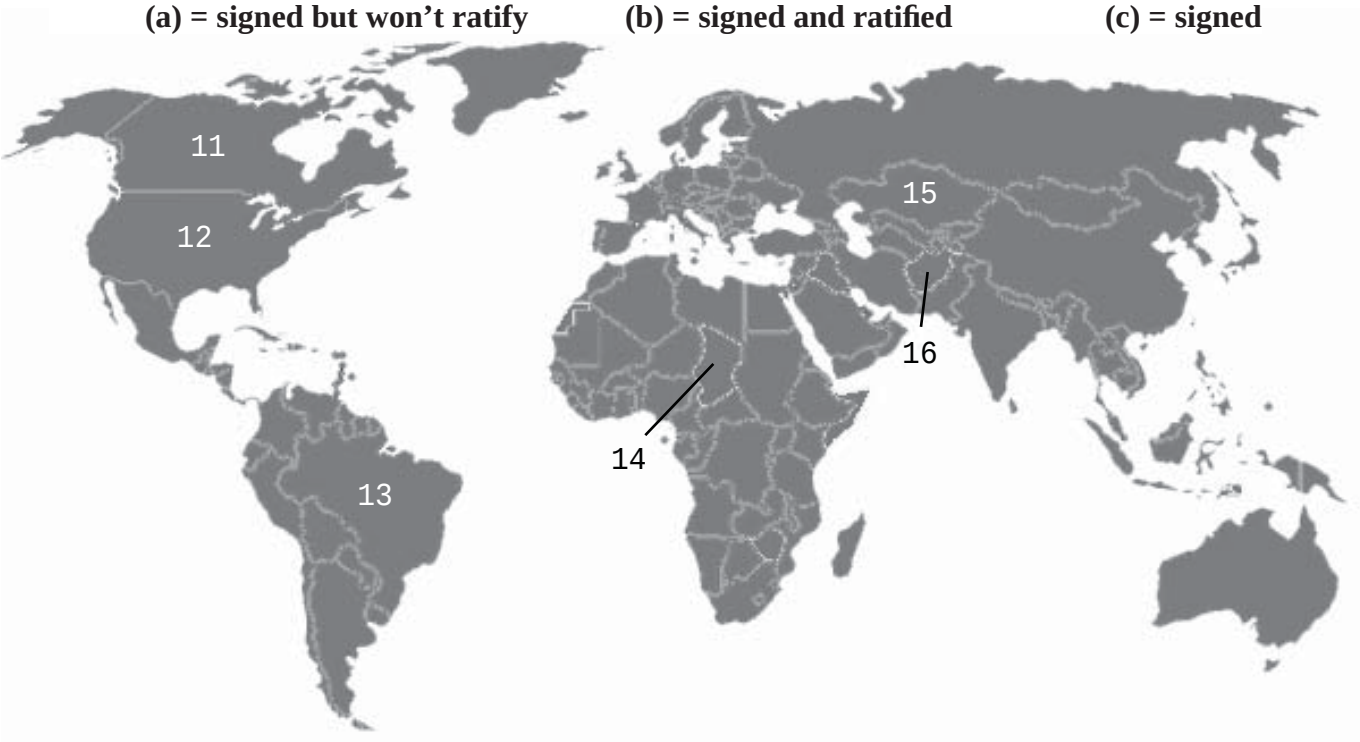
10. Which is NOT a praise some have given U.S. foreign policy? _____

_____

(a) large sums of humanitarian aid given globally
(b) its leadership in banning land mines
(c) popularity of democracy in the nations where the U.S. imports it
(d) its history of defending democracy against oppressive regimes

Using the map, identify each nation's action towards the Kyoto Protocol and write the corresponding letter in the blank.

(a) = signed but won't ratify **(b) = signed and ratified** **(c) = signed**



____ 11. ____ 12. ____ 13. ____ 14. ____ 15. ____ 16.

17. What is the "special relationship?" _____

_____

_____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

18. U.S. relations with Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, and many other nations have been particularly enhanced since the Soviet Union's collapse, and many Eastern European nations like Ukraine and Romania are among America's closest partners on the continent.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

19. Canada and the United States share the world's longest _____
_____.

20. Which is NOT a Caribbean nation mentioned in the text that has upbeat dealings with the United States? _____
(a) the Dominican Republic (b) St. Kitts & Nevis
(c) Haiti (d) Jamaica

21. Draw the route of the Northwest Passage using the Northwest Passage map in the text.



22. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 3

Economic Systems of
North America



Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. As of 2008, the United States ranked ____ worldwide with a gross domestic product of $_____.

2. Which U.S. state is least economically productive? _____

3. Define ***laissez-faire***. _____
_____
_____

4. U.S. citizens are largely free to own and operate any business of their choosing, distributing any goods or services and establishing their own wages. _____
(a) True or (b) False

5. Which of the following best defines ***antitrust***? _____
_____
(a) the ability to trust someone
(b) pertaining to monopolies or anti-competitive practices
(c) a good business contract
(d) taxes on goods such as tobacco and gasoline

6. Define ***excise tax***. _____
_____
_____

7. Most of Canada's industries and economic realms are not _____.

8. Capitalistic principles guide the nation's _____ sector, which is one of the most productive in the world.
(a) environmental (b) government
(c) manufacturing (d) agricultural

9. In Canada, the government's intrusion into certain sectors has been behind some of the nation's biggest problems. _____ (a) True or (b) False

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

10. Canada's education system is government-run, but regionally _____.
    (a) low quality (b) high quality
    (c) small (d) cash-strapped

11. Mexico is the world's _____-largest economy.

12. A crisis in which years plunged Mexico into unprecedented economic turmoil, and over half the population fell below the poverty line? _____
    (a) 1970-71 (b) 1987-88
    (c) 1994-95 (d) 2004-05

13. Define ***remittance***. _____
    _____
    _____

14. Mexico administers its own energy resources. _____
    (a) True or (b) False

15. Government-controlled _____, the largest Latin American company of any sort, pays over 60% of its profits to the Mexican government in taxes.

16. Greenland receives half of its funding each year from _____, its parent government.
    (a) Denmark (b) Finland
    (c) Canada (d) Quebec

17. In Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and _____, tourism is important to the nations' mixed, but mostly capitalistic systems.

18. Cuba is the Western Hemisphere's lone _____ country.
    (a) communistic (b) monarchial
    (c) republican (d) dependent

19. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
    _____
    _____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 3

Natural Resources of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 14:
Natural Resources

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. In the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, how many gallons spilled into the ocean? _____
   (a) 1 million (b) 54 million
   (c) 11 million (d) 5.4 million

2. The oil spill killed millions of animals. _____
   (a) True or (b) False

3. Often termed "_____," petroleum is among North America's and indeed the world's most valuable natural resources because of its value as an energy source.

4. Define ***natural resource***. _____
   _____
   _____

5. The Natural Petroleum Reserve in Alaska covers _____ square miles, which is slightly larger than the state of _____.

6. The reserve includes the town of Barrow, North America's northernmost inhabited place.
   _____ (a) True or (b) False

7. Much of the drilling activity is unofficially headquartered at _____, Alaska's northernmost town reachable by land.
   (a) Valdez (b) Barrow
   (c) Anchorage (d) Prudhoe Bay

8. Which is NOT a place mentioned in the text with either oil reserves or refining operations?
   _____
   (a) Salt Lake City (b) Midland
   (c) Corpus Christi (d) Los Angeles

9. Mexico's current oil reserves hover around _____ barrels, and it is the ____-largest producer in the world.

10. Mexico is about as oil-dependent as the United States. _____
    (a) True or (b) False

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

11. Define ***offshore drilling***. _____
_____
_____

12. Canada and Mexico have developed offshore oil exploration programs to their benefit.
_____ (a) True or (b) False

13. In central Mexico, precious metals such as _____ and _____ exist, and these are mined to make jewelry and some hardware products.

Based on the North American Agriculture map in the text, fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

14. Name three U.S. states in which sheep are raised. _____
_____

15. How many agricultural activities are shown in Utah? _____
(a) 0 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) 4

16. In which U.S. state is timber shown the farthest south? _____
(a) New York (b) Maryland
(c) Oregon (d) Alabama

17. Name two agricultural items found in the Caribbean. _____
_____

18. Cattle and sheep are both raised in Texas. _____
(a) True or (b) False

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

19. Today, agricultural resources are still important components of the economy, but their development is largely undertaken by corporations with intensified, mechanized means of production rather than family farms. _____ (a) True or (b) False

20. Which agricultural item does well in Idaho? _____
(a) corn (b) tobacco
(c) cotton (d) potatoes

21. Why are Green Bay Packers fans sometimes called "cheeseheads?" _____
_____
_____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

22. Bauxite is important in applications such as _____, _____, and _____.

23. Gypsum can be found throughout Jamaica, while granite is prevalent throughout other Caribbean nations. _____
(a) True or (b) False

24. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



World Geography
Chapter 1, Section 3

Imports, Exports, and Major Industries of North America

ACTIVITIES
Lesson 15:
Imports, Exports, and Major Industries

Fill in the blank, mark true or false, or circle the correct answer.

1. The problem with the Pittsburgh Steelers' first name was _____
_____.

2. What symbol was chosen to be the Steelers' new logo? Describe it. _____
_____
_____

3. The United States' steel manufacturing industry exists and thrives throughout all of these states EXCEPT _____
(a) New Hampshire. (b) New York.
(c) Pennsylvania. (d) Ohio.

4. U.S. Steel, one of the country's most famous companies in its history, was founded by Andrew Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, and Charles Schwab. _____
(a) True or (b) False

5. What industry is increasingly important as North America grows more mechanized and power-addicted? _____

6. Define ***fossil fuel***. _____
_____
_____

7. Although residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation demands all compete for energy resources, which one uses slightly more than the others? _____
(a) residential (b) commercial
(c) industrial (d) transportation

8. In recent years, the United States' demands for energy have been staggering—by some accounts, it uses one-half of the world's energy despite having less than 5% of its population. _____ (a) True or (b) False

9. Mexico produces all the energy it needs, but Canada's lack of resources has forced the country to import large amounts of oil and natural gas each year. _____
(a) True or (b) False

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.

10. What interesting reality has emerged in the wake of NAFTA regarding U.S.–Canada energy trade? Explain the dynamics behind it. _____
_____
_____
_____

11. The services industry encompasses activites like _____
(a) auto production. (b) dairy farming.
(c) municipal government. (d) real estate.

12. What company earned over $400 billion in 2008? _____
(a) Walmart (b) Target
(c) AT&T (d) BellSouth

13. Which company specializing in some form of electronics is mentioned in the text? _____
_____
(a) Amway (b) Mary Kay
(c) Dell (d) Wal-Mart

14. Mexico's financial sector is closely tied to _____, and many corporations respond sensitively to _____.

15. In the U.S., auto manufacturing has long been a moneymaker, with vehicle companies like General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler headquartered in the country, many in and around Detroit. _____ (a) True or (b) False

16. Define ***bailout***. _____
_____
_____

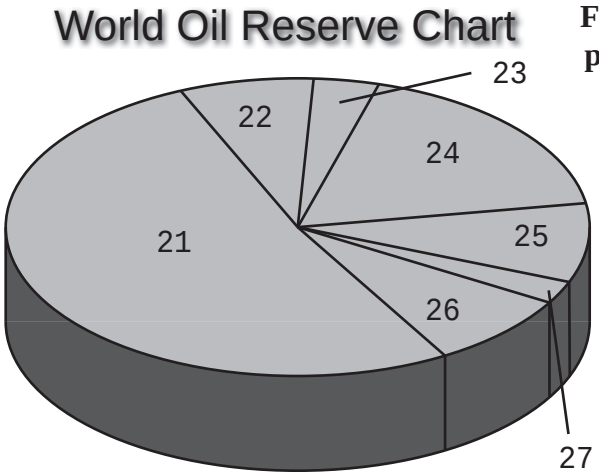
17. Central Canada's auto production levels have almost reached those of Michigan in recent years. _____ (a) True or (b) False

18. What important kind of corporation operates in Cuba? _____

19. In Mexico, what agricultural item(s) dominate? _____
(a) corn and beans (b) nuts
(c) tropical fruits (d) sugar cane and cotton

20. Why does the U.S. government pay farmers not to grow certain crops? _____
_____

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.



For questions 21-27, give the region and percentage of total world oil reserves each has.

21. _____

22. _____

23. _____

24. _____

25. _____

26. _____

27. _____

28. Write the **Life Principle**. "_____
_____
_____."

Ask your teacher for the quiz over topics 11 - 15 before proceeding to the next section. Reminder: If you score 85% or higher on the quizzes, you may be exempt form the chapter test.

© Copyright 2010, Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum DUPLICATION BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY.