North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 11: Patterns of Progress
Section 4: Progress in the Countryside

Focused Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Although the largest towns in North Carolina grew into _____ in the early 1900s, only a _____ of the state lived in them.

2. Yet, _____ families were increasingly drawn into the patterns of _____ after 1900.

3. By 1905, many received _____ through rural free delivery. RFD, as it was called, brought _____ closer to urban, industrial society because they could mail-order goods from northern cities like Chicago and get _____ mailed to them on a daily basis.

4. More and more, farmers shopped for _____ goods at country crossroads stores, and they made fewer of their own _____ and clothes.

5. North Carolinians became _____ worldwide in the early 1900s for one thing. They made the bulk of the world's _____.

6. With the rise of the _____ family monopoly, tobacco took over the _____ of the Coastal Plain.

7. The area between Wilson and Durham became known as "_____ _____" because so much leaf was shipped to the factories.

8. A new _____ developed on the Coastal Plain around the planting, cropping, harvesting, and marketing of bright leaf. Thousands of _____, both white and black, gambled their families' future on the price of the leaf each year.

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9. The _____ was marketed at an _____ (a sale to the highest bidder) in a tobacco warehouse.

10. The growth of _____ in the Piedmont used more and more farmers to try to make money growing _____.

11. In contrast, _____ eluded many mountaineer families in the early 1900s. Their families had often grown so large since the Civil War that there were too many young people for the small amount of _____ _____ in mountain coves.

12. Thousands of mountain families left after 1900 and went to the _____ _____ in places like Gastonia and Rutherfordton.

13. Thousands of residents from the far _____ section of the state moved far away to the timber regions of the state of _____.