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North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 1: The Land Where We Live

Section 2: The Coastal Plain Region

Focused Reading

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

1. The _____ has some of North Carolina's richest soil and takes up about a _____ of the area of our state.
2. The Plain has two central characteristics: its _____ and its _____ — both of which contribute to its role as the chief farming region of the state.
3. Great stretches of the Coastal Plain seem to go on forever, because in many areas large fields, sometimes several _____ across, have been cleared for _____.
4. _____ dot the region. Often they have had a store or two, or a _____ or church, that provide goods and services to the nearby farmers, who have neither the time nor the money to go to _____ frequently.
5. _____ have been a part of the Coastal Plain since it was first settled in colonial days.
6. Everyone from _____ to farm equipment _____ scheduled their business around the tobacco _____.
7. The traditional _____, a tall, thin square of logs or planks, was once seen everywhere on the Coastal Plain.
8. Before there were tobacco fields, the _____ was the most common sight on the Coastal Plain.
9. Because of its historical importance to North Carolina, the pine is the _____.

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10. In the southern part of the Coastal Plain are hundreds of elongated depressions in the ground called _____.
11. Some, like _____ or Singletary Lake, are filled with _____. Others resemble the surface of _____ — mucky part of the year, dry the other.
12. To the northwest of the Carolina bays are the _____. These concentrations of rolling sand ridges are left over from an ancient change in the _____ of the Atlantic Ocean.
13. They were put to two good uses during the twentieth century: 1) _____ in places like Pinehurst, where the World Golf Hall of Fame was founded, and 2) _____, the huge military installation near Fayetteville, originally designed to be a training ground for _____.
14. The most distinctive people of the Coastal Plain are the _____ of Robeson County. They form the largest population of _____ in the state.