



North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 1: The Land Where We Live

Section 3: The Piedmont Region

Focused Reading

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

1. North Carolina's _____ region is a place almost anyone can recognize immediately, for it has an unforgettable feature— its _____.
2. To control the erosion, state officials planted millions of _____ plants in the 1930s, hoping the fast-growing vine would save the soil. Instead, the big-leafed kudzu— a native plant of _____—turned out to be the monster that almost ate North Carolina.
3. Technically, most of the Piedmont— which means “foot of the mountains”— is a _____, a step up from the Coastal Plain, a step below the _____.
4. In fact, the line that divides the _____ from the Coastal Plain is called the _____.
5. The two principal rivers of the Piedmont region are the _____ and the _____.
6. One of the key reasons _____ (intense concern for local interests and customs) developed in the state was the lack of _____ between the rivers of the Piedmont and the Coastal Plain.
7. More than half the Piedmont is covered in _____.
8. _____ has been as much a tradition in the Piedmont as the Coastal Plain.

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9. As farms declined, the building of _____ increased as people made a living processing and manufacturing raw _____ produced elsewhere in the state.
10. _____ (woven or knit fabrics), _____, and _____ were regarded as the three principal industries in the state in the twentieth century.
11. Many of the workers in these factories lived on the edges of town in clusters of housing called _____, like the Proximity neighborhood in Greensboro.
12. All three principal industries went into decline in the 1990s due to _____.
13. Over the past two decades, Charlotte has become a world leader in _____.
14. _____ is an acronym (an abbreviation that itself seems to be a word) meaning National Association of Stock Car Automobile Racing. _____ is the home of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.
15. _____ University in Winston-Salem and _____ University in Durham both have world-class medical schools that staff regional hospitals.
16. The most distinctive natural feature of the Piedmont is something called the _____. This hard-to-pronounce word refers to a geological condition where a point of land stands out because all of the land around it has been _____.
17. The most famous monadnock is _____ north of Winston-Salem.

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18. One important cluster of _____ is often overlooked by North Carolinians, but its location influenced the shaping of the state almost as much as did the _____. The _____ Mountains are located south of Greensboro and east of Salisbury.
19. Because of their _____ and because of the _____ found in their soils, the Uwharries were not as thickly settled as other areas in the Piedmont.