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GUIDED READING

CHAPTER 6: THE REGIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Section 1: Geographic Regions of West Virginia

Directions: Use the information from pages 232-237 to complete the following statements.

Introduction

1. From east to west, the four geographic regions of West Virginia are the _____
_____, the _____,
the _____, and the _____.

The Potomac Section Region

2. The Potomac Section, the first region settled by _____ in western Virginia, contains the area of the _____.
3. The _____ originally marked the boundary of land given to Lord Fairfax by the king of England in the 1700s. Today, it marks the western border of the State of _____ and the junction of _____, _____, and _____ counties in West Virginia.
4. The soil of this region produces excellent grass for _____ (cattle or sheep) and has also produced _____ and _____ orchards.
5. Another natural feature of the Potomac Section is its _____, which maintain a constant temperature of _____ ° F.

Allegheny Highlands Region

6. The Allegheny Highlands gave West Virginia its nickname “_____.”
7. This region contains the highest point in the state—_____— which is _____ feet above sea level.

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8. _____ (people who move into a new country to settle there) from Switzerland and _____ originally settled much of the region.
9. The growth of the _____ and _____ industries in the late 1800s and early 1900s brought immigrants from southern and eastern Europe.

Allegheny Plateau Region

10. A _____ is an elevated tract of more or less level land.
11. The _____ Bridge has the world's fourth-longest single-arch steel span.
12. The Allegheny Plateau region contains beds of _____, _____, and _____ and important deposits of _____, _____, _____, and _____.
13. _____, _____, and _____ counties bear Indian names.
14. Some of West Virginia's largest cities are located in the Allegheny Plateau region, including West Virginia's capital city, _____.

The Ohio River Valley Region

15. The Ohio River Valley region lies along the _____ River and stretches from the northern _____ to the _____ River in the south.
16. The Ohio River has helped the area become a major manufacturing center for _____, _____, and _____.
17. The northern panhandle became an important _____-producing area.
18. The United States _____ in Wheeling, built in the year _____, became the headquarters for the government of the Restored State of Virginia and remained the capital for a short time after West Virginia became a state in the year _____.