

Resources Around Us

Read closely to describe natural resources in North America and the Caribbean.

SS.3.G.3.2 "Describe the natural resources in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean."

NAME _____

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each named natural resource in the passage. Next to each underline, write U for the United States, C for Canada, M for Mexico, or K for the Caribbean.

Nature Provides

- ① Natural resources are things from nature that people use. In the United States, forests provide wood for homes and paper. In the United States, farms grow crops such as corn and wheat for food. In the United States, rivers and lakes supply fresh water. In Canada, large forests provide wood, and lakes and rivers supply fresh water. Canada also has minerals, including nickel and gold, taken from the ground.
- ② Mexico has rich soil and warm weather that help farmers grow corn, beans, and fruits for food. Mexico has forests that provide wood. Along Mexico's coasts, the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean provide fish and shellfish for people to eat. Underground in Mexico, oil and silver are natural resources. Oil can be made into fuel, and silver is used in jewelry.
- ③ The Caribbean is a group of islands and nearby waters. Caribbean seas provide fish and shellfish for food. On several Caribbean islands, warm weather and rich soil help farmers grow bananas, sugarcane, and other crops for food. Some Caribbean islands have forests that provide wood. In the Caribbean, clear water, beaches, and coral reefs support tourism, an important way people earn money.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two natural resources in the United States. Tell what each one provides.

2 Which natural resources do the United States and Canada both have?

3 How do Mexico's crops and coastal fish and shellfish help people?

4 Name two natural resources in the Caribbean. Tell how people use each one.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly two sentences. Compare one natural resource from Mexico with one natural resource from the Caribbean, and tell how people use each resource.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each named natural resource in the passage. Next to each underline, write U for the United States, C for Canada, M for Mexico, or K for the Caribbean. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two natural resources in the United States. Tell what each one provides.	Forests provide wood for homes and paper. Rivers and lakes supply fresh water.
2	Which natural resources do the United States and Canada both have?	Both have forests and lakes and rivers that supply fresh water.
3	How do Mexico's crops and coastal fish and shellfish help people?	Mexico's crops provide food, and people eat fish and shellfish from Mexico's coasts.
4	Name two natural resources in the Caribbean. Tell how people use each one.	Answers may include seas with fish and shellfish for food, soil and warm weather for growing crops, forests for wood, or clear water, beaches, and coral reefs that support tourism.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mexico has oil that can be made into fuel. In contrast, Caribbean islands grow crops for food.

For the marking job, accept resources correctly underlined and labeled with the location described in the passage. Accept any accurate resources and uses stated in the passage, including soil and warm weather when the student connects them to growing crops.