Resources by Region

Read how places shape what people grow, make, and gather.

5.SS.2.2 "Identify the regions of the United States and their resources."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the passage to find each region and its resources.

What Comes From Where?

1. A school lunch tray can tell a story about places. Many farmers in the Midwest grow crops in fertile soil. The region's flat land also makes large fields possible. In the Northeast, forests supply wood, and rivers provide fresh water. People use wood for building and water for homes and businesses. A resource is something in a place that people can use.

2. Travel south, and the resources change. In the Southeast, warm weather and fertile soil help farmers grow crops such as peanuts. Forests there supply timber for paper and buildings. Farther west, the Southwest has strong sunshine that can be used to make solar power. The region also has copper deposits. Copper can be mined and used in electrical wires.

3. The West stretches from high mountains to the Pacific coast. Its forests provide wood, while ocean waters support fishing. Some western rivers also provide water for farms. Regions do not have only one resource, and some resources are found in more than one region. Still, matching a region with its resources helps explain why people grow, make, or gather different things there.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which region has fertile soil where farmers grow crops in large fields? Which region has forests that supply wood?

2. Name two resources in the Southeast and tell how people use each one.

3. Which region has copper deposits, and what can people make with the copper?

4. Which region has ocean waters that support fishing? Name one other resource in that region.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Plan a product that uses one resource from each of two different regions in the passage. In three sentences, name your product, identify both regions and resources, and explain how the product uses each resource.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the passage to find each region and its resources. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which region has fertile soil where farmers grow crops in large fields? Which region has forests that supply wood?	**The Midwest has fertile soil where farmers grow crops. The Northeast has forests that supply wood.**
2	Name two resources in the Southeast and tell how people use each one.	**Fertile soil helps farmers grow crops such as peanuts. Timber is used for paper and buildings.**
3	Which region has copper deposits, and what can people make with the copper?	**The Southwest has copper deposits. Copper can be used in electrical wires.**
4	Which region has ocean waters that support fishing? Name one other resource in that region.	**The West has ocean waters that support fishing. Its forests provide wood, or its rivers provide water for farms.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would make a solar-powered porch light. Timber from the Southeast would form its wooden frame. Sunshine in the Southwest would power its solar panel during the day so the light could shine at night.

Accept any two region-resource matches supported by the passage and a plausible product that uses both resources. For the marking job, accept any one correctly matched resource for each numbered region.