

Places Shape Lives

How early peoples used resources and adapted to their surroundings.

5.1b "Human populations that settled along rivers, in rainforests, along oceans, in deserts, on plains, in mountains, and in cold climates adapted to and made use of the resources and environment around them in developing distinct ways of life."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB In each paragraph, underline words that name a resource, and circle words that tell how people adapted or used it. Draw a line between each resource and its use or adaptation to show how place shaped daily life.

Living with the Land

- ① Early peoples of the Americas did not all live the same way. Where a group settled shaped its daily choices. Along rivers, people used water for drinking, fishing, and travel. Rich soil near some rivers helped them grow crops. They built homes near the water but chose higher ground when floods were likely. Rivers connected communities and carried people and goods.
- ② Some rainforest communities gathered fruits, nuts, and useful plants, while hunting and fishing added food. They could make shelters from local wood and leaves. Along oceans, other communities caught fish and shellfish and traveled by canoe. In deserts, people looked for springs and seasonal water. They carefully stored water and chose foods and materials that could survive dry conditions.
- ③ On plains, many groups followed herds of large animals and used hides for clothing and shelters. In mountains, people adjusted to steep land and cooler air. Some grew crops on level areas or built fields into slopes. In cold climates, people made warm clothing from animal skins and built shelters that blocked wind. Each environment offered resources, but it also created problems to solve.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two ways people used rivers. How did one of these uses help daily life?

2 Compare rainforest and ocean communities. Name one resource from each place and tell how people used it.

3 What challenge did people face in deserts? Give two ways they responded to that challenge.

4 How did life on the plains fit the resources there? Use two details from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine your community lives where a river flows through a cold climate. Write three sentences. Name one resource, name one challenge, and describe one way your community could adapt.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, underline words that name a resource, and circle words that tell how people adapted or used it. Draw a line between each resource and its use or adaptation to show how place shaped daily life. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two ways people used rivers. How did one of these uses help daily life?	People used rivers for drinking, fishing, travel, growing crops in rich soil, and carrying people and goods. Any one use helped provide water, food, travel, crops, or connection.
2	Compare rainforest and ocean communities. Name one resource from each place and tell how people used it.	Rainforest communities used fruits, nuts, plants, wood, leaves, animals, or fish for food or shelter. Ocean communities used fish and shellfish for food and canoes for travel.
3	What challenge did people face in deserts? Give two ways they responded to that challenge.	Deserts had limited or seasonal water and dry conditions. People looked for springs and seasonal water, stored water carefully, and chose foods and materials that could survive dry conditions.
4	How did life on the plains fit the resources there? Use two details from the passage.	Many plains groups followed herds of large animals. They used animal hides for clothing and shelters.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our community can fish in the river for food. Winter cold and ice can make travel hard. We will sew warm clothing from animal skins and store dried fish for winter.

Accept reasonable responses that connect a local resource and a climate challenge to a practical adaptation. The response should include all three requested parts in three sentences.