

Regions Shape Life

How land, water, climate, and resources influenced Indigenous communities

USI.2.b "locating and explaining where Indigenous people lived prior to the arrival of Europeans, with an emphasis on how the various geographic regions they inhabited influenced their daily lives."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB For each named region, underline its name, circle one condition or resource, and number a detail that tells how people used or adapted to it.

Living Across North America

- ① Long before Europeans arrived, Indigenous peoples lived in every major region of North America. They built communities in the Arctic, along the Northwest Coast, in the Eastern Woodlands, and in the Southwest. These regions had different climates, landforms, plants, and animals. People used nearby resources, but each nation also had its own traditions, languages, and ways of organizing community life.
- ② In the far north, Arctic peoples faced long, cold winters and little wood. Many hunted sea mammals and caribou, fished, and made warm clothing from animal skins. On the Northwest Coast, ocean waters and rivers provided salmon for food, while forests provided cedar. Many communities used cedar to make canoes and large plank houses. These resources supported settled villages in many coastal areas.
- ③ East of the Mississippi River, many Eastern Woodlands peoples lived near forests, rivers, and fertile soil. Many farmed crops such as corn, beans, and squash, and they also hunted and fished. In the dry Southwest, some communities grew crops where water was available, sometimes using irrigation canals. They often built homes from adobe or stone, materials found in their region.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did the ocean and forests of the Northwest Coast influence daily life? Give two examples from the passage.

2 What Arctic conditions created challenges for people, and name two ways many Arctic peoples adapted?

3 Why did some Southwest communities use irrigation canals?

4 Why would it be inaccurate to say that all Indigenous peoples in North America lived the same way? Use two details from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Create a three-sentence region card about the Eastern Woodlands. Locate the region in the first sentence, then explain two ways people met their needs there, using because in each explanation.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

For each named region, underline its name, circle one condition or resource, and number a detail that tells how people used or adapted to it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the ocean and forests of the Northwest Coast influence daily life? Give two examples from the passage.	Salmon from ocean waters and rivers provided food. Cedar from forests was used to make canoes and large plank houses.
2	What Arctic conditions created challenges for people, and name two ways many Arctic peoples adapted?	They faced long, cold winters and little wood. Many hunted sea mammals and caribou, fished, and made warm clothing from animal skins.
3	Why did some Southwest communities use irrigation canals?	The Southwest was dry, so communities sometimes used irrigation canals to bring water to crops where water was available.
4	Why would it be inaccurate to say that all Indigenous peoples in North America lived the same way? Use two details from the passage.	Regions had different climates, landforms, plants, animals, and resources, so people adapted in different ways. Each nation also had its own traditions, languages, and ways of organizing community life.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Eastern Woodlands were east of the Mississippi River, where forests, rivers, and fertile soil were common. People could farm corn, beans, and squash because the soil was fertile. They also hunted and fished because forests and rivers were nearby.

Accept equivalent accurate descriptions of how a region's climate, landforms, water, plants, animals, or materials influenced daily life. For the open response, look for the correct location, two supported connections to the environment, and three complete sentences.