

Plants Build Places

See how plant products can help an area grow.

2.8.a “the availability of plant products affects the development of a geographic area;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each plant product. Underline the jobs, buildings, or changes that product helped bring to an area.

What Grows Here?

- ① Near a forest, people found many tall pine trees. They cut some trees and used the wood to build houses. A sawmill opened to turn logs into boards. Workers came for jobs, and more homes and stores were built nearby.
- ② In a valley with rich soil, farmers grew wheat. The wheat was taken to a mill and made into flour. A bakery and market opened near the farms. Roads were improved so wagons could carry flour to other places.
- ③ A dry, rocky area had few trees and little soil for crops. No lumberyard or grain mill was built there. Fewer plant products meant fewer related jobs. The area grew more slowly because people had fewer reasons to build businesses and homes.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What plant product helped the forest area grow, and what business opened there?

2 How did wheat change the valley area? Name two changes.

3 Why did the dry, rocky area grow more slowly than the forest and valley areas?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Think of a different place where a plant grows well. Write two sentences that name the plant product and tell how it could help the area develop.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each plant product. Underline the jobs, buildings, or changes that product helped bring to an area. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What plant product helped the forest area grow, and what business opened there?	Pine trees, or their wood and logs, helped the area grow. A sawmill opened there.
2	How did wheat change the valley area? Name two changes.	Wheat led to a mill, a bakery, and a market. Roads were also improved to carry flour.
3	Why did the dry, rocky area grow more slowly than the forest and valley areas?	It had few trees and little soil for crops, so it had fewer plant products and fewer related jobs or businesses.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Near an orange grove, workers pick oranges and make juice. A juice plant and a market could open, so more people might build homes nearby.

Accept any realistic plant product and a clear connection to jobs, businesses, homes, roads, or other area growth. Students may use plants or plant materials not named in the passage.