Pennsylvania

Chapter 1 - A Place Called Pennsylvania
Lesson 3 - Our State’s Resources

Big question:
In what ways are natural resources important to Pennsylvanians?

Vocabulary words you should know:
- environment
- natural resource
- renewable resource
- nonrenewable resource
- economy
- conservation

Directions: Complete the SQ3R strategy while reading pages 22 to 28 in your social studies textbook. DO NOT answer the following questions until after you have read.

THE BIG PICTURE

_________________________ is the surroundings in which people, animals, or plants live. We depend on our environment.

We also use and shape our environment. Something in the environment that people can use is called a _____________________________. The most important resource found in Pennsylvania is its _______________________.

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

________________________ ________ are resources that can be replaced.

________________________ are an example of a renewable resource because they can be replanted.

________________________ is another example of a renewable resource because it can be used over and over again. Sometimes if the soil becomes worn out, farmers can renew soil by adding

________________________.

________________________ is another example of a renewable resource because every time it rains, water is returned to rivers and lakes.

NONRENEWABLE RESOURCES

________________________ ________ are available in limited supply. __________________ occurs when there aren’t enough resources to satisfy people’s needs. Once resources are used up, they are gone forever.

________________________ such as coal, oil, and natural gas, are nonrenewable resources. There are other possible sources of energy that we can use when our nonrenewable fuels are gone. ___________ power, wind power, and ___________ power can be used instead of fuels.

________________________ power can be used as a source for electricity.

________________________ are another kind of nonrenewable resource. A ___________ is a natural substance that is found in the ground
that does not come from plants and animals. Some important minerals in our state are _____________ and ________________.

RESOURCES CREATE JOBS

Some examples of businesses that use natural resources include _____________ _____________, brick-making, and _____________.

A state’s ______________ is the way it produces and uses natural resources, goods, and services. Much of our state’s economy uses our _______________ ________________.

MAKING OUR RESOURCES LAST

______________ is the result of careless use of resources. _______________ is the careful use of our natural resources. When people use only as much of a ______________ as they need, they are practicing conservation. Another way to use our resources wisely is to ________________. To recycle something is to use it ________________ and ________________.

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