

**Geography - Unit 2**  
United States and Canada  
Natural Resources

*Using your textbook and/or any other credible resource, answer the following questions. No copying/pasting and no working with partners. Answers should be in your words and should not resemble anything a classmate has written. This will be emailed to me prior to the end of the current class, any format is fine.*

1. Find the top five natural resources that are native to Arkansas. You don't have to go Googling "top five natural resources in Arkansas" or anything, just look on your map. You will need to infer (look it up) about which ones are probably more "important" than others. List your five.
2. What was the top natural resource in Arkansas in 1860? What is it today? Why has it changed, do you think?
3. What states produced the majority of cotton grown in the United States in 1830? What about in 2014?
4. What states hold the largest oil reserves?
5. What states hold the largest natural gas reserves?
6. What is Tennessee's most prevalent (look it up) natural resource? What about Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, and Mississippi?
7. What town in Central Arkansas was critical during World War 1 and World War 2 for its natural resource? In three sentences, exactly, explain how this town helped the U.S. to victory. (Hint: the non-renewable natural resource was/is used primarily for aircraft and other weaponry)
8. Why was/is the Mississippi River so crucial to the U.S. and its harvesting of natural resources in the United States?
9. In which states can gold be located in the U.S.? Which provinces in Canada? Is gold renewable or non-renewable?
10. In which states can coal be located in the U.S.? Which provinces in Canada? Is coal renewable or non-renewable?
11. How did coal assist in the development of the Industrial Revolution in the U.S.?
12. In which states are aquatic resources the top natural resources?
13. Which states make up the "corn belt" in the U.S.? Why is it called the "corn belt"?
14. Which states make up the "rust belt" in the U.S.? Why is it called the "rust belt"?
15. Which states make up the "Bible belt" in the U.S.? Why is it called the "Bible belt"?
16. Which states make up the "rice belt" in the U.S.? Why is it called the "rice belt"?
17. List at least four natural resources have been used for energy (electricity production, automobile powering, etc.) in the U.S. and Canada.

**\*\*\*With any remaining time left over, you will study for your map quiz on Thursday with a partner\*\*\***