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Guided Reading ANSWER KEY



Section 1: Location

1. specific spot
2. Relative location
3. bit of information
4. latitude and longitude
5. parallels
6. north, south, equator
7. imaginary, equally, Poles
8. meridians
9. east, west, degrees
10. prime, meridian, Hemispheres
11. twenty-four, zones
12. segment, standardizing
13. prime, meridian
14. one, hour, zone
15. one, hour, earlier
16. exactly, straight
17. International, Date, Line, meridian
18. date, one
19. boundaries
20. 31st, parallel, north
21. 33rd, parallel, north
22. Texas, westerly
23. Waterways
24. Mississippi, eastern
25. Pearl, lower
26. Gulf, of, Mexico
27. Sabine, Toledo, Bend, Texas

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Section 2 Natural Regions

1. natural, environment
2. differences, terrain, character
3. identify, name, analyze
4. relief, soil type, vegetation, climate
5. Geographers, eight
6. Gulf, Coastal, Plain
7. Gulf, Mexico, low, elevation
8. height, sea, level
9. Relief, lowest
10. below, sea, level, Driskill, Mountain
11. legislature, geological
12. Lockett, five
13. natural, Floodplain, Red, Terraces, Marshes, Hills
14. floodplain, flat, flood
15. eastern
16. sediment, deposited
17. fertile, plant, food
18. natural levee, swamp, passes
19. floods, silt, banks
20. hundred, five
21. Man-made, banks
22. top, batture, flooding
23. lowest, beyond
24. seasonally, flooded
25. accessible, parks, refuges
26. paths, Mexico, passes
27. delta, triangle
28. hand, fingers
29. river, sea, freshwater, collide
30. exists, environment
31. Red River, northwestern, central
32. soil, Oklahoma
33. Shreveport, Bossier City, Alexandria
34. landforms, created, Mississippi
35. blufflands, prairies, flatwoods
36. highest, levees
37. height, bluffs
38. loess soil, ridge, elevations
39. erodes
40. wearing away, water, wind
41. flat
42. seas, grass

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43. imperiled, natural
44. wildlife refuges, Cameron, Sabine, Shell Keys
45. flatwoods, trees
46. pine
47. border, Mexico
48. marsh, transition
49. million
50. salt marsh, saltwater, freshwater
51. species
52. kills, vegetation, ecosystems
53. domes, formations
54. rock, pressure, marsh, domes
55. highest, terrain
56. scientists, history, structure
57. press, fold
58. ridges, wolds
59. red, iron
60. Pine, pine tree

Section 3 Waterways

1. five thousand, navigable
2. deep, boat
3. names
4. 1,245,000; thirty-one, Canadian
5. basin, tributaries, larger
6. funnel, nation's, Gulf, Mexico
7. billion, Louisiana
8. million tons, bottom
9. flood control, drains
10. Red, second
11. Ouachita, Black
12. Atchafalaya
13. Red, 30, Mississippi
14. Pearl, Borgne, East, West
15. Honey Island, habitat
16. Calcasieu
17. deepwater channel
18. canals, Atlantic
19. connected, Intracoastal, trade, commerce
20. Sabine, boundary
21. hydroelectric, waterpower
22. Reservoir, stored
23. Pontchartrain

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24. 24, Causeway, longest
25. lagoon, channels
26. freshwater, seawater, brackish
27. Maurepas, tidal
28. shorter, straighter
29. blocked, raft, masses, debris
30. swamps
31. Marsh, ridges, marshlands
32. waterway, shallow, navigable
33. Hundreds

Section 4 Climate

1. current, atmosphere
2. Climate, average
3. geographic, climatic
4. subtropical
5. precipitation, wind
6. higher, cooling
7. Precipitation, atmosphere
8. tornadoes, hurricanes
9. funnel, two
10. thunderstorm, layer
11. funnel, eye
12. violent, Atlantic, hundred, counterclockwise
13. abnormal, water, winds
14. worst
15. Katrina, Plaquemines, 3
16. Rita
17. 135 billion, natural disaster
18. Hurricane Isaac, Mississippi
19. agriculture
20. storm surge, saltwater
21. subtropical, growing season
22. strawberry
23. two year, 250 days

Section 5 People and the Environment

1. environment, human
2. nature, Mississippi
3. floods, cycle
4. levees
5. massive, 1927

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6. Corps, Engineers, canals, control structures
7. Old River, 1963
8. Bonnet Carre, 8,000, concrete, bays
9. floods, opened, drain, Pontchartrain, levels, pressure
10. unintended
11. annual, silt, gradual, loss, Gulf Coast
12. erosion, environmental
13. wetlands
14. 40, continental
15. swamps, marshes, natural, water, part
16. highest, erosion, loss
17. nurseries, fish
18. erosion, loss, millions, oil
19. multiple
20. Subsidence, sinking
21. rise, levels
22. Katrina, Rita, marshes, wetlands
23. erosion, plant, animal
24. rodent, fur
25. reproduce, plant
26. six thousand, vegetation, mudflats
27. damage, canals, wetlands
28. Planning, Protection, Restoration, Breaux
29. funds, wetlands, states
30. 2010, oil rig, largest, spill
31. million, barrels
32. attention, threatened
33. national, resources, erosion, loss