AP Human Geography

Unit 5: Agriculture and Rural Land Use Guided Reading

Directions: Follow the page guidance as you complete this guided reading.

1. Rubenstein p 320 – 321. Note differences between subsistence and commercial farming.

	Subsistence		Commercial
Where important?			
Definition or Purpose		What is a cash crop?	,
Farmers as % of labor force	In developing countries (LDCs) -	In developed countries (MDCs) - (R p 332) What % of Americans are in agribusiness ? What is agribusiness ?	
Technology			
Types found in	1. Intensive Wet Rice Dominant	Types found in	6. Mixed Crop and Livestock
LDCs (details to		MDCs (and more	7. Dairy Farming
follow)	3. Shifting Cultivation	developed LDCs)	8. Grain Farming
	4. Pastoral Nomadism		9. Livestock Ranching
	5. Plantation (exception!!! This is commercial		10. Mediterranean
	agriculture)		11. Commercial Gardening and Fruit

2. Now that we've learned about the main differentiation between categories of agriculture (subsistence vs. commercial), let's go back and learn about the history of the development of agriculture. Use both Rubenstein p 318 – 319, 342 - 343 & de Blij p 369 – 373. Read both completely and summarize below.
Timeline on the Development of Agriculture

and sum	marize below	. Timeline on the Development of Agriculture			
<u>Neolithic Revolution</u> or First Agricultural Revolution	What is a cr	nat is agriculture? nat is a crop? scribe did humans live prior to the invention of agriculture.			
Se UT	What was t	hat was the agricultural revolution? When did it happen?			
Revol tural F	What is dor	nestication (look it up?)			
<u>Neolithic Revolution or</u> st Agricultural Revoluti	In how man	how many places is this believed tp have originated? What is this called (lecture)? List possible hearths.			
<u>Neol</u> rst A§	(de Blij p 36	(de Blij p 369 -370) Where does Carl Sauer believe that agriculture first began? What crops were first domesticated in his theory?			
iI	To what area and crop (provide examples) do we attribute the "First Agriculture Revolution"?				
	What did th	e surplus which was generated from this type of agriculture result in?			
Second	What	new crops were introduced and from where?			
Agricultu	W/bat	English law allowed farming innovations to take place? What did it allow? Explain.			
Revolutic (de Blij p 3 376)	5 – What	What other technologies improved production as well and spread agriculture?			
When did t happen?	-	are the Industrial Rev. and the Second Agricultural Revolution connected (lecture)?			
Where did begin?	it				

	Rubenstein p 343 – 345
	What were the two main practices that led to increased agricultural production during the 1970s and 1980s?
	Who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his development of the "miracle wheat seed"?
	How did miracle seeds affect productivity? Cite India as an example.
	In order to take advantage of the new seeds, what are farmers required to use?
	What three minerals are critical top increasing soil fertility?
	What must governments in LDCs do in order to keep up the momentum of the Green Revolution?
	What does "GM" (GMOs) stand for?
	What are they specifically designed to do?
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Green Revolution	By what "brand name" term are they known? What corp. created them?
	How widespread is the use of GM worldwide and within the United States? Provide statistics as evidence.
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e	Why would LDCs (like those in Africa) be resistant to the adoption of GM crops?
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ti	What is another controversial practice especially as applied to the raising of livestock? Why?
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<u>Third Agricultural Revolution</u> or the	What do some countries/regions (identify) require?
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	Why are some opposed to this?
ILa	de Blij p 377 – 378 (this is the better discussion of this topic) How far back and to where does the Green Rev. REALLY begin?
t	With what crop was the Green Rev. MOST effective in increasing yields in Asia?
<u>n</u>	Since the Green Revolution has increased production, what has caused most famines?
Ŀ	Because of its focus on rice, wheat and corn, where has the Green Revolution been less effective? Why?
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7	Criticisms of the Green Revolution (de Blij p 378 – 381)
ir	What is "monocropping" (Rubenstein p 332) ? What does it make farms vulnerable to (de Blij)?
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	What are two concerns about the increased use of chemicals associated with the Green Revolution?
	Amongst what group has the Green Revolution done little to alleviate poverty?
	In what area of the world have consumers expressed concerns over GMOs?
	How has the Green Revolution, increase tensions within rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa?

3. <u>Major Global Agricultural Regions</u> (Rubenstein p 324 – 336, read de Blij p 386 – 392 to supplement). These don't go in order, they skip around. As you fill this out you should also be working on your Agricultural Regions Map using the powerpoint as a visual guide and supplement for info.

Area	Туре	Characteristics/Vocabulary	Future or Challenges
	۲ ۲	What climate regions? Where?	Examples of crops specialized?
LDCs	Plantatior (R p 329)	Owners? Crops sold where? How is plantation agriculture different from the types practiced in LDCs?	Labor force/housing (powerpoint)?

		Major regions?	Wet rice not dominant. What climat	e conditions? Where?	
	Intensive Subsistence (R p 324 – 325)	What is the agricultural density? How is the work done? Plot sizes/structure? Land usage? Give examples These characteristics are representative of what descriptive term?	Two most common crops? What practice is used to avoid exhaus the amount of land planted? Wet rice dominant. Where dominant environmental factor required (power sawah (paddy): How do wet rice farmers modify their (powerpoint)? double cropping:	t? rpoint):	iizing
		What type of climate region/biome? Describe two chief	characteristics.	<u></u>	
LDCs	Shifting cultivation (R p 326 – 327)	Describe the two distinctive features of shifting cultivation How is the land owned? swidden: Describe the cyclical nature of land use. What might population growth require? What is the visual appearance of the fields, as opposed to % of world's land? How does that compare to other type population is engaged in shifting cultivation? Why the disting	to fields in developed countries? es of agriculture? What % of the world'		What process contributes to climate change?
		What is it? Best climate? Where? Examples of nomadic groups?		al nomads ⁽	
	madism 28)	How do pastoral nomads use their herds? How do they view their herds? How do the nomads feed themselves?		ined the pastor	
	Pastoral Nomadism (R p 328)	What are the four major types of animals? Describe their pattern of movement.		How has modern tech. threatened the pastoral nomadism lifestyle? What would govt.s prefer to use the pastoral nomads '	
		transhumance:		as mi lism l voulc	
		pasture:		How has nomadisi What wo land for?	

Area	Туре	Characteristics/Vocabulary			
	8	How is ranching land usage described? In what areas is it b	est adapted for?		
	Livestock Ranching (R p 334)	What areas/countries are leading producers of meat? What group of countries has seen the largest growth in ranching? What is their relative share of meat production today? Where are cattle fattened today?			
	ive.	What is a CAFO? What shift does this represent in the description of land use involved in ranching? (powerpoint)			
	Livestock	Where is this most common? How are animals and crops integrated? Include land usage and income breakdo	wn.		
	Mixed Crop and Livestock (Rp336)	Advantages: What are the two most important crops?			
	ixed ((see powerpoint) What practice has traditionally been followed? Why?			
	Σ	How is this changing (powerpoint)?			
		Located near what? Why?	What two features of dairy farming have caused		
MDCs	Dairy Farming (R p 335)	What is this area called? Traditionally where has production and consumption of dairy products been concentrated? How and why has this changed?	economic difficulties?		
		How is the location of the dairy farm with relation to the market/milkshed related to the product produced?			
	Grain Farming (R p 332)	What are examples of grains? Who is the main consumer of grains?	Where are the two largest concentrations of grain production in North America? Describe.		
		How are grains farmed in developed countries?			
		What previously defined term refers to the variety found in grain farming?			
		What countries are the world's largest grain producers?			
		What climate are grains grown in? Why is wheat significant economically?			
		Where does this activity primarily exist?			
	Mediterranean (R p 333)	How is the physical environment similar in these areas?			
	diteı (R p	What are the two most important crops in the Mediterranean region?			
	Me	What is horticulture? What state has a large portion of its farmland dedicated to horticulture (we will color code these areas as Commercial Gardening and Fruit Farming)?			
	g (In what areas of the U.S. does this activity predominate? Why?			
	Comm. Gardening & Fruit (R p 333)	What is another name for this activity? Why?			
	mm. Gaı Fruit (R	What are some popular items with consumers grown on "truck farms"?			
	Comr & Fri	How are these products sold?			

4. (Rubenstein p 330 - 331) Fishing

- a. In what two ways is water-based food acquired?
- i. ____ ii.

b. How much did human consumption of fish and seafood increase between 1960 and 2016?

i. What percent of calories consumed by humans is from fish and seafood?

c. How has global fish production increased over the past half-century? ______

- i. To what acquisition method (above) is this almost entirely attributable?
- ii. Why has the population of some fish species declined? Define.
- iii. What is the status of fish stocks according to UN? ______

Read "Importance of Access to Markets" (exemplified by von Thünen's model) (Rubenstein pg 337, de Blij p 376 – 377 "Understanding")		
Draw von Thünen's model (use de Blij Fig. 9-51)	Describe von Thünen's model.	
	When was von Thünen's model first proposed? What is considered first by commercial farmers when deciding which crops and animals to cultivate? What two costs does the farmer compare when making this consideration?	
	EXPLAIN the pattern in von Thünen's model (link rings to economic motivation)?	
(de Blij p 377) von Thünen's model is described as the first	_ What assumptions did the model make?	
effort to do what?	According to von Thünen, what could alter the basic shape of the model?	
	What did the model fail to take into account?	

What imprint does agriculture make on the cultural landscape? (de Blij p 381 – 386, Rubenstein p 450 – 451)

6. What is a cadastral system? ____

a. What is the prevalent survey system in the United States (west of the Appalachian Mountains)? ______

- This is based on what cadastral system? _____
- ii. What law helped to establish this cadastral system as dominant (lecture, not the Homestead Act)?
- iii. What was the purpose of this law?

iv. What is the visual effect on the landscape of this cadastral system (lecture)?

b. What cadastral system predominates on the eastern seaboard?

- i. What is used to demarcate parcels of land under this system? ____
- ii. Consequently, the shape of parcels of land under this system can be describes as what?

c. Where was the Long-Lot Survey common? This shows the influence of what culture?

i. Describe the shape of the lots? ______

ii. Why do you think is a fair way of surveying land (lecture)?

d. What is primogeniture division of land? _____

i. What is the impact on the landscape of using this inheritance system?

ii. Where are the principal areas where this is used?

iii. What is the effect on the landscape if primogeniture is **NOT** used? ______

iv. Where is this system the norm?

e. Rural Settlement Patterns

- i. Traditionally where did most farmers live in relation to their farmland?
- ii. What kind of settlement is the most common rural residential pattern GLOBALLY in agricultural regions? Describe.

iii. How is the settlement pattern in the American Midwest different? Why? What is this called?

iv. What buildings might a prosperous American homestead include (lecture)?

f. Briefly sketch the five village forms (Fig. 11.13).

Non-nucleated	Nucleated			
Linear	Cluster	Round	Walled	Grid

g. What percentage of the world's population still lives in villages and rural areas (de Blij p 384)? ______

i. Is the total # of rural dwellers increasing or decreasing?

ii. Is the proportion of rural dwellers compared to global population as whole increasing or decreasing? Why?

	Subsistence Farming	Commercial Farming
	 (Rubenstein p 342) According to Ester Boserup, in what two ways can subsistence farmers increase supply of food? 1) 2) 	(Rubenstein p 320-321) What has happened to the # of farms/farmers in the US in the 20 th century?
	(Rubenstein p 339) What do subsistence farmers need in order to increase production?	List examples of machines that have replaced manual labor.
duction	Why is it difficult for them to secure these supplies?	Besides machinery, what other advancements have aided comm. farmers? Include a couple details to help understand. 1.
ld Pro	What do they do in order to raise the funds?	
Farming Efficiency and Production	What specific term is used to identify this type of cash crops? Examples.	2.
ming E	What is the dilemma that is faced by focusing on export crops?	
Fai	What illegal export crops have some in developing countries turned to?	What is the relationship between mechanization and farm size?
		Term (lecture) ? What type of financial cost/financing does this necessitate?

		Subsistence Farming	Commercial Farming		
	(de	Blij p 373 – 374 for this box) How is the land often held when a	(Rubenstein p 320 – 321 continued)		
		nmunity engages in subsistence agriculture?	What type of farm dominates commercial agriculture in the US?		
	What concepts are often limited and/or restricted when a community		Provide statistic.		
	eng	ages in subsistence agriculture?			
hip	_		(lecture) This type of farming is referred to as?		
ers		ring the 1900s what has been the trend in the practice of			
Ň	sub	sistence agriculture? Why?			
O p			What was the trend in land used by farming in the US during the		
an			20 th century? How was this achieved?		
Land Use and Ownership					
1 pc	Wh	at role did the US and other MDCs play in this process?	Why has the acreage of farmable land declined in the 21 st century?		
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			Term (lecture)?		
	Wh	y have some farmers returned to subsistence agriculture?	The loss of what particular type of land is the most serious problem		
			(p 340)?		
	-	ural Environmental Sustainability (detail the issues related to sustai	nability faced by both subsistence and commercial farmers?)		
		stein p 341, 346 – 349) ht is desertification?			
d.		at is desertification?			
	i. 	By what more precise term can this process be called?			
	ii.	What subsistence agricultural activity is this associated with?			
		1. What three activities are most responsible for desertification?			
	iii.	How much land is removed from agricultural production each year	due to desertification (use the equivalency it is easier to		
		understand)?			
b.	How	v does conventional farming increase soil erosion in the American Mi	dwest (Rubenstein p 347) ?		
	i.	Briefly describe three soil cultivation methods that reduce soil eros	sion and runoff.		
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с.	(Rub	penstein p 346) What type of farming has grown the most rapidly in a	developed countries?		
	i.	Define			
		1. What sustainable practice involving complementary activities	is stressed in organic farming?		
		2. What methods prevalent on other commercial farms does org	anic farming not use? List		
d.	(Rub	penstein p 348) What region of the US has grown rapidly despite limi	ted supplies of water?		
u.	i.	What does California contribute to US agricultural production?			
	ii.	(Inset) What has California experienced recently which called US for			
		1. What percentage of California's water usage is through agricu			
		2. What is one way that homeowners and municipalities are con	serving water in California?		
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		curity (Rubenstein p 312 – 313, 314 – 315, 349) Food Supply and Dis			
a.	a. What is the common name for the unit of measurement of dietary energy?				
	i.	What is the min. amt. of calories that an avg. individual needs in or			
	ii.	What is the average worldwide consumption?			
		1. What is the average daily consumption in developing countrie			
		What does this indicate?			
			health problem in America has this resulted in?		
	(Inset) What other problem exists with the American food supply?				

What particular fruits and vegetables have been found to be pesticide-ridden?

b. (Rubenstein p 314 – 315) What is the UN definition of "food security"?

- i. What percentage of the world's population does not meet the above standard?
- ii. What is undernourishment? _____

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- 1. In what two world regions is undernourishment most prevalent (provide %)?______
- 2. What is the worldwide trend in the total number of undernourished people (provide %)?

What is the greatest challenge to food security in the 21st century? ____

- 1. What percent of income is spent on food in developed countries?
 - What keeps food prices down in developed countries? ______

2. What percent of income is spent on food in sub-Saharan African countries?

- To what four factors does the UN attribute record high food prices in developing countries?
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c. (Rubenstein p 349) How do government policies affect food supply, cost and distribution?

i. What do some governments do in order in order to meet the demands of their rapidly urbanizing populations? What effect does this have on farmers/agricultural production?

1. _____

ii. Detail the three US government policies designed to improve the financial position of farmers.

2.
(lecture) By what other term are these payments called? ______ Avg. cost to taxpayers/year? ______
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iii. What is the fundamental irony in how governmental policy affects food production?