

## Chapter 7 Guided Reading Questions: Consumption Patterns in the US

### Introduction

1. What is consumption?
2. What is the difference between developed countries and developing countries?
3. On page 107, you will see a graphic organizer of the world population for 2008. What type of map is it, and how does the US compare to the other regions depicted in the map?

### Geographic Setting

4. How does consumption depend on levels of development of a country?
5. How many developed nations are there in the world? Provide examples of countries that fall into this group.
6. How many developing countries are there in the world? Provide examples of countries that fall into this group.
7. What three ways does the book give to measure a country's development?
8. What is the difference between goods and services?
9. Define "per capita."

Use the map on page 109 to answer the following questions:

10. What US state has the most hunting & gathering as a land use?
11. What "land use" is this most prevalent in the US, commercial farming or livestock raising?
12. What is the largest amount of natural resource found in the US? (Hint: count them out since a couple are really close in number!)

### Food Consumption Patterns

13. What is the average caloric intake of people in developed countries versus developing countries?
14. What is the real cause of hunger in the world?
15. Which country has the highest number of people living in poverty as well as the highest number of hungry people?
16. What does this country do with its food instead of feeding the people of its own country?

### Oil Consumption Patterns

17. What product represents the majority of oil consumption in the US?
18. Which country leads the world in oil consumption?
19. When should oil consumption reach its peak?
20. Notice the picture of the family from Ohio on page 111. All the items in the picture were made using oil as one of the ingredients. What do you find surprising in the picture?

### Computer and Internet Use Patterns

21. How do developed and developing countries differ in their use of computers and technology?
22. Where were computers and the internet invented?

### The World's Greatest Producers

23. What benefits do American workers bring to the employers of our country?
24. Why is education important to the American worker?
25. What good will having a strong work ethic give an American worker?

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26. Which country is the only one to have more average hours worked per person per year than American workers?

### **Beginning to Think Globally**

27. Consumption is growing worldwide due to an increased consumer class. Provide two reasons for the growth of the consumer class.
28. How will this increased consumption possibly impact the environment? Give each of the reasons for this answer.
29. How can people protect the planet by consuming less?

### **Global Connections**

Use the maps and graphs on pages 116 & 117 to answer the following questions:

30. Which countries appear to produce the most waste?
31. How effective is recycling as a way to reduce trash?
32. How can recycling help people and the planet?