Geography Spark

Copy the following title and prompt into your journal. Answer the prompt in three to five sentences.

**Sp17: “The Ogallala Aquifer”**

A vast reservoir of groundwater lies below 170,000 square miles of the Great Plains. The Ogallala aquifer, as it is called, supplies most of the water that transforms the drier parts of the Midwest into abundant cropland. Scientists estimate that 25% of Ogallala’s water will be used up by the year 2020.

Someday this water could completely run out. Predict what would happen to the Midwest. How could the problem be solved?