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The Midwest

1. What major factor unites this region according to your text?

2. Describe what the Midwest looks like physically.

3. Use the table below to explain how the following factors affect Midwestern soil.

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| **Factor** | **How does it affect soil?** |
| Ancient Glaciers |  |
| **Humus** |  |
| Climate |  |

4. Define **growing season**.

5. How do variations in climate affect agricultural production in the Midwest?

6. Why is the Midwest called “The Nation’s Breadbasket”? How does this affect the nation’s affluence, or wealth?

7. Describe how the following factors affect farming in the Midwest:

 **New technology** –

 **Migration** –

8. How does farming in the Midwest affect the region’s large cities?

9. List some of the major natural resources found in the Midwest, where specifically they are found, and how this has affected the area.

10. Read the caption for the picture at the top of page 170. Why have rivers been important to the development of industry?

11. What does the railroad have to do with production in the Midwest?

12. Answer the following Cause and Effect questions in the flow chart below:

How is Midwestern farming changing?

What accounts for the increased productivity?

Why is farming more costly for a famer today than in the past?

Is the trend toward larger but fewer farms likely to continue?