Social Studies Chapter 1 Review

Region- an area in which many features are similar

United State, Mexico, and Canada- largest countries in North America

Costal Plain- flat low land along he Atlantic Ocean

Erosion- ha worn down the peaks of the Appalachian Mountains

Great Basin- located largely in Nevada

Damns were built across **lakes** to form reservoirs

Climate in Northeast is **colder and wetter** than the climate in the Southwest

Modify-to change

Century- 100 years

Tributary- a stream or river that flows into a larger stream or river

Environment- a region's climate is one feature used to describe it

Drainage basin of the Mississippi River is made up of most of the land between the Appalachian Mountains and the Rocky Mountains

Natural Resources- soil, plants, and minerals that people can use

Irrigation- used to help bring water to normally dry areas

Climate in Northeast- cold winters make it harder to stay warm and find food, but with hot and wet summers help plants grow for food

Climate in Southeast- very hot and dry makes it harder to grow food and have fresh water

Geography of the United States- lots of different landforms like mountains, plains, deserts, rivers, and lakes which causes many different climates as well like very wet, very dry, hot summers, cold winters.

Equator is usually hotter because the sun shines more directly on the Earth there

Seasons occur because the Earth is getting different amounts of sunlight at different times of the year. Some places have 4 separate seasons, while others are mostly warm or cold.