

America's Vanishing Treasure



A Video Activity Sheet

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Activity Sheet

As you view the film, answer the following:

1. Name two reasons for the disappearing wetlands in Louisiana.
2. What helps build new land in Louisiana?
3. Why were levees constructed?
4. Instead of building new land, where is the sediment of the Mississippi River ending up now?
5. How do man-made canals contribute to salt water intrusion?
6. Why are the wetlands important?
7. How do barrier islands help us against storms?
8. The film compared the loss of land by 2050 to be the size of what state?
9. Why is Port Fourchon important?
10. Name two agricultural crops grown in the BTNE area.



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11. What else, beside the land, is vanishing due to the loss of the wetlands?
12. What do they mean by "diverting the river?"
13. Why do you think the Mississippi River is called "The River of Life?"
14. What must citizens do to help save the Louisiana wetlands?



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Activity Sheet **TEACHER KEY**

As you view the film, answer the following:

1. Name two reasons for the disappearing wetlands in Louisiana
 - a. nature
 - b. man

2. What helps build new land in Louisiana?
The River built new land as deltas were formed.

3. Why were levees constructed?
Levees were made to stop flooding.

4. Instead of building new land, where is the sediment of the Mississippi River ending up now?
The sediment goes off to the continental shelf in the Gulf of Mexico.

5. How do man-made canals contribute to salt water intrusion?
Salt water enters a fresh water system destroying plants in the process.

6. Why are the wetlands important?
Answers will vary but must include:
 - a. Provide protection from hurricanes
 - b. Flood control
 - c. Clean pollutants
 - d. Provide habitats for wildlife

7. How do barrier islands help us against storms?
The barrier islands act as a buffer & help reduce storm surges.

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8. The film compared the loss of land by 2050 to be the size of what state?

The state used for comparison was Rhode Island.

9. Why is Port Fourchon important?

Port Fourchon is economically important for Louisiana because it provides a port for the oil and gas industry.

10. Name two agricultural crops grown in the BTNE area.

The agricultural crops grown include sugarcane, soybean, cotton and corn.

11. What else, beside the land, is vanishing due to the loss of the wetlands?

The Louisiana culture and traditions are also vanishing.

12. What do they mean by "diverting the river?"

Diverting the river means changing the direction or course of the river.

13. Why do you think the Mississippi River is called "The River of Life?"

Answers will vary.

14. What must citizens do to help save the Louisiana wetlands?

Answers will vary