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Geography

Mountain and volcano

Book: The Mountain Book

Pages 36-45

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book The Mountain Book.

In this segment we are going to think about what happens to the way people live.

You will need to go to page 36 of the book.

Part 1

What does transhumance mean?

Answer.....

Taking animals to high pastures in summer and bringing them back down to valleys before winter.

Where are farms in mountains: on high pastures or in valley bottoms?

Answer.....

High pastures are snowbound all winter. Farms are in valleys.

Part 2

Look at picture 2 on page 39. The building has very small windows at the bottom. Do you know why that is?

Answer.....

The bottom of the house is where animals live. The small windows let in some air but not too much cold.

In the traditional house diagram on page 39 you can see where animals live. What else is kept in the house beside animals and people

Answer.....

Foodstuff for the animals and fuel for the fires to keep the building warm.

Part 3

Turn to page 40. Why are towns and villages on the sun facing the morning sun?

Answer.....

The sun is at a low angle in winter and people build on the side that gets the sunshine so that fields and homes warm up as soon as possible. The shady slopes can stay frozen all day.

Part 4

Now Play the video on page 41. Make sure you watch it right through in full screen. It shows a town in the Alps.

Write a diary of what happens in a day in summer

Answer.....

The town gets tourists arriving by mid morning, some by train, others by coach and car. The town fills up and restaurants become full. This is the busiest time of the day and gives many people a job. Before and after lunch people also visit shops. By late afternoon only those staying overnight remain, and most have left for their hotels elsewhere. (The same pattern is true in winter, but this time they are skiers.)

Part 5

Now watch the video on page 44. It shows a ghost town. Write a summary of what caused the town to be founded, why it boomed and then why it became a ghost town?

Answer.....

This remote mountain location is in the rainshadow of mountains and so is a near desert (see mountain weather). But it was founded by prospectors combing the rives looking for placer gold. When it was found, many people rushed to the area to chance their luck. It is too remote for the town to be sued for anything else (other than as a museum, which is what it is today), and so people left, leaving it a ghost town.

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