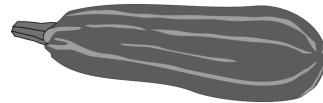


Session 2, Reading Selection #3

Learning to farm in North America took the Native Americans many years. As you read this article, think about how Native Americans used their natural resources. Answer the questions that follow.

Planting and Tending Crops

- 1 Over thousands of years, the people of North America learned how to farm. Corn, beans, and squash became staples in the South and East. The Iroquois called these plants the “three sisters” because they planted them together. First, they planted corn kernels and piled earth over them. Then they added squash and bean seeds to this mound. When the corn grew, the stalk held up the bean plants and the squash vines.
- 2 Many other crops, like sunflowers and amaranth, were also grown. Every region had its own way of planting, caring for, harvesting, and storing their crops.
- 3 Many kinds of tools were used in the fields. Along the East Coast, shells were turned into hoes. On the Plains, women hoed with the bone of the shoulder blade of a buffalo fastened to a stick. In the Southwest, where men worked the fields, smoothed stone blades were used.
- 4 In the dry Southwest, water was brought to the fields in ditches connected to a stream or spring. If the area was too dry for irrigation, everyone carried water to the plants in clay pots.



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Session 2, Multiple-Choice Questions

- 20** The Iroquois planted the corn kernels, squash seeds, and bean seeds together because
- (A) squash and beans do not need to be planted as deeply as corn.
 - (B) corn kernels are good fertilizer for the squash and beans.
 - (C) corn stalks hold up the squash vines and bean plants.
 - (D) squash and beans need more light than corn.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 20: Literature/Learning Standard 8

- 21** Reread paragraph 1. What words in that paragraph tell you the order in which the Native Americans planted the vegetables?
- (A) so, first
 - (B) first, second
 - (C) soon, then
 - (D) first, then

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 21: Literature/Learning Standard 13

- 22** The words “East Coast,” “Plains,” and “Southwest” start with CAPITAL LETTERS because they are
- (A) common nouns.
 - (B) proper nouns.
 - (C) verbs.
 - (D) adjectives.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 22: Language/Learning Standard 5