

Social Studies Lesson-8

The Temperate Grasslands

F. Answer these questions-

1. Where are Grassland situated?

Ans. The region that lies between the Arctic circle (66.5 ° North) and the Tropic of cancer (23.5° North) in the Northern Hemisphere and between the Antarctic circle (66.5°South) and the Tropic of Capricorn (23.5°South) in the Southern Hemisphere is called the Temperate Zone. Most grasslands are situated in the temperate zone.

2. Which type of grasslands are located in North America?

Ans. A vast treeless grasslands which lie in the interior of the United States of America and Canada called the Prairies .These Grasslands are ecosystems considered part of the temperate grasslands. They are composition of grasses, herbs and shrubs rather than trees as the dominant vegetation type.

3. What are the Prairies? Where are they located?

Ans. Prairies are enormous stretches of flat grasslands with moderate temperatures, moderate rainfall and few trees. Prairies are golden, wheat covered land in the middle of North America.

Prairies are in the interior of the United States of America and Canada. These grasslands are away from the sea that lies almost in the middle of North America. They are surrounded by the Rocky Mountains in the West and the great lakes in the East.

4. List the different Grasslands found in the temperate zone.

Ans. The different Grasslands found in the temperate zone are;

- i) North America-Prairies
- ii) South America-Pampas
- iii) Eurasia – Steppes
- iv) Australia – Downs
- v) South Africa – Veldts

5. what is Ranch?

Ans. Ranch is a large farm where cows, horses or sheep are kept.