

Chapter 7 Vocabulary

Essential Question: How do American consumption patterns affect people and the planet?

1. consumption: the using up of goods and services; also the purchase and use of goods and services by consumers
2. developed countries: a wealthy country with an advanced economy. Developed countries have many industries and provide a comfortable way of life for most of their people
3. developing countries: a poorer country with a less advanced economy. In general, developing countries are trying to increase their industries and improve life for their people
4. gross domestic product (GDP): the total value of goods and services produced in a country in a year
5. per capita: by or for each person. A per capita figure is calculated by dividing the total amount of something by the number of people in a place.
6. calories: a measure of the amount of energy in food
7. fossil fuel: any fuel, such as petroleum, coal, and natural gas, that is made from the remains of prehistoric plants and animals
8. technology: the creation and use of tools to meet practical needs; also refers to the tools themselves
9. digital divide: the difference in opportunities available to people who have access to computers and the Internet and those who do not
10. work ethic: a belief in the moral value, or goodness, of hard work
11. recycling: the process of collecting used materials that would otherwise be thrown away and turning them into raw materials for new uses