

An Electronic Field Trip: Restoring and Protecting the Gulf Coast

Pre-Test

The first seven questions are multiple choice. Read the question and then circle the one best answer.

- 1) When coastal land is lost which of the following are threatened?
 - a) Shrimp, oysters, fish
 - b) Migratory birds
 - c) Homes
 - d) A culture and lifestyle
 - e) All of the above
- 2) Which are considered the first line of defense against storm damage
 - a) Berms
 - b) Barrier Islands
 - c) Mangroves
 - d) Coral reefs
 - e) All of the above
- 3) Restoration of coastal land with sediment does not involve
 - a) Locating available sediment
 - b) Building a pipeline to transport the sediment
 - c) Building a stone bed for the sediment
 - d) Rebuilding sand dunes and vegetation
 - e) All of the above
- 4) Which of the following could students do to help protect coastal areas?
 - a) Not trash or pollute rivers, beaches, canals or bayous that they use
 - b) Lessening energy use by turning off unused lights at home and walking or riding a bike instead of using a car
 - c) Informing other students and their community about the problem and ways everyone can help
 - d) Working as a class or school to develop and implement an action plan to help
 - e) All of the above
- 5) Human activities that have a positive effect on coastal ecosystems include
 - a) Building homes and developing coastal areas
 - b) Drilling oil and gas for energy
 - c) Using fertilizers and insecticides on lawns and gardens
 - d) Restoring lost coastal land
 - e) All of the above

6)	Most damage to	Louisiana's coastal areas has been caused by	
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- a) Hurricane and storms
- b) Containment of the Mississippi River by levees
- c) Sinking coastal lands
- d) Man-made channels and canals
- e) All of the above
- 7) Parts of the ecosystem that are affected by coastal land loss are:
 - a) Fish
 - b) Birds
 - c) Microscopic sea life
 - d) Shrimp and oysters
 - e) All of the above

The following three questions are true and false. Read the question or statement and circle the one correct answer.

8)	All the sediment that is dredged from the Mississippi River is already being used so other
	sources of sediment must be located.

- a) True
- b) False

9) Coastal land loss will not damage the oil and gas industry because the drilling is done offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

- a) True
- b) False

10) Since 1962 the amount of coastal land lost in Louisiana has been the size of the entire state of Delaware.

- a) True
- b) False