

Video note sheet for “Grasslands” produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Organisms and environment

1. Name and describe several of the grassland animals depicted at the beginning of the video.
2. Describe some of the adaptations of prairie grasses.
3. Describe some of the ways prairie plants (esp. grasses) interact with other organisms (e.g., for forage) and the physical environment (e.g., soil).
4. Describe the role of fire in maintaining the grassland.
5. Notes on prairie dogs:
6. Notes on prairie insects:

7. Describe how organisms protect themselves in the drier environment of the Great Plains:

8. Describe how organisms use prairie wetlands:

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9. Describe how First Nations people coexisted with wildlife on the Plains; explain how their way of life was disrupted:

10. What led to the great Dust Bowl and what corrective measures have been attempted by the government?

11. How might current prairie restorations differ from the historical prairie ecosystems?

12. How does the rancher in the video view the native prairie and its organisms? What current trends threaten his lifestyle?