

World Geography	
Chapter 15	Vocabulary- modified
word	definition
chernozem	black topsoil, one of the world's most fertile soils
Ural Mountains	
Eurasia	the combined continent of Europe and Asia
Transcaucasia	
Central Asia	a region that includes the republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
Siberia	
continentality	a region's distance from the moderating influence of the sea
taiga	
runoff	rainfall not absorbed by soil, which can carry pesticides and fertilizers from fields into rivers, endangering the food chain
Trans-Siberian Railroad	