

## ***A Sense of Place: The Essential Pacific Northwest*** Reading Questions

Task: Answer the following questions in complete sentences using **specific** examples from the reading when necessary.

- 1) Analyze the first quote (*Her Faults & Her Virtues*). What is the author saying, and why do you think it was chosen to introduce the chapter?
- 2) Why is the Pacific Northwest so difficult to define in terms of boundary lines?
- 3) How does the author define the Pacific Northwest? What does the author leave out according to the map you are working on?
- 4) How does the author define a region? List a few landmarks. Reference your map and add the landmarks to enhance your understanding of the Northwest region.
- 5) Identify natural resources that come from the Northwest.
- 6) Define the term Hinterland. Why was the Pacific Northwest considered a Hinterland? When did the Pacific Northwest break out of “Hinterland” status?
- 7) Describe the region’s natural setting. How do **you** fit into the natural setting described by the author?
- 8) Summarize a few details about the population of the Pacific Northwest. Where do most people live and why do they live there?
- 9) “Rugged mountains and gargantuan trees called for the strong-willed, self-reliant individuals to match them, or so the Northwesterners have claimed” (p.7) What does this quote mean? Can you connect with this quote in any way? Why or why not?
- 10) Summarize in 2 sentences what happened to Mount St. Helens on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1980.
- 11) If the entire Pacific Northwest is **NOT** covered in evergreens, what is it covered in?
- 12) The Pacific Northwest shares a similar weather pattern. What is it? How does the weather in Washington affect you? Do you love it, hate it, or find yourself in the middle. Explain your thoughts.
- 13) What makes the Columbia River so significant? Select two of the most important features and explain why they are so.
- 14) What role do the mountains play in the Pacific Northwest.
- 15) What industries define the Pacific Northwest? How far back have these industries been in operation?
- 16) In two paragraphs using **SPECIFIC** evidence, answer the question: WHAT MAKES THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST UNIQUE?