

Nonrenewable Resource Information



Coal

What is it?

Coal - a black or brownish black hard substance within the earth that is used as a fuel

Wyoming's Role:

Wyoming supplies about 40% of the nation's coal supply.



Bentonite

What is it?

Bentonite - a kind of absorbent clay formed by the breakdown of volcanic ash

Wyoming's Role:

Wyoming has 70% of the world's known bentonite.



Oil/Natural Gas

What is it?

Oil - a natural liquid that can be refined into gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, wax, asphalt, and many other valuable products

Natural Gas - odorless gas that is taken from under the ground and used as fuel

Wyoming's Role:

Wyoming accounts for around 3% of the nation's oil production. Wyoming accounts for 6% of the natural gas in the nation.



Trona

What is it?

Trona - a gray mineral that occurs as an evaporate in salt deposits and consists of a hydrated carbonate and bicarbonate of sodium

Wyoming's Role:

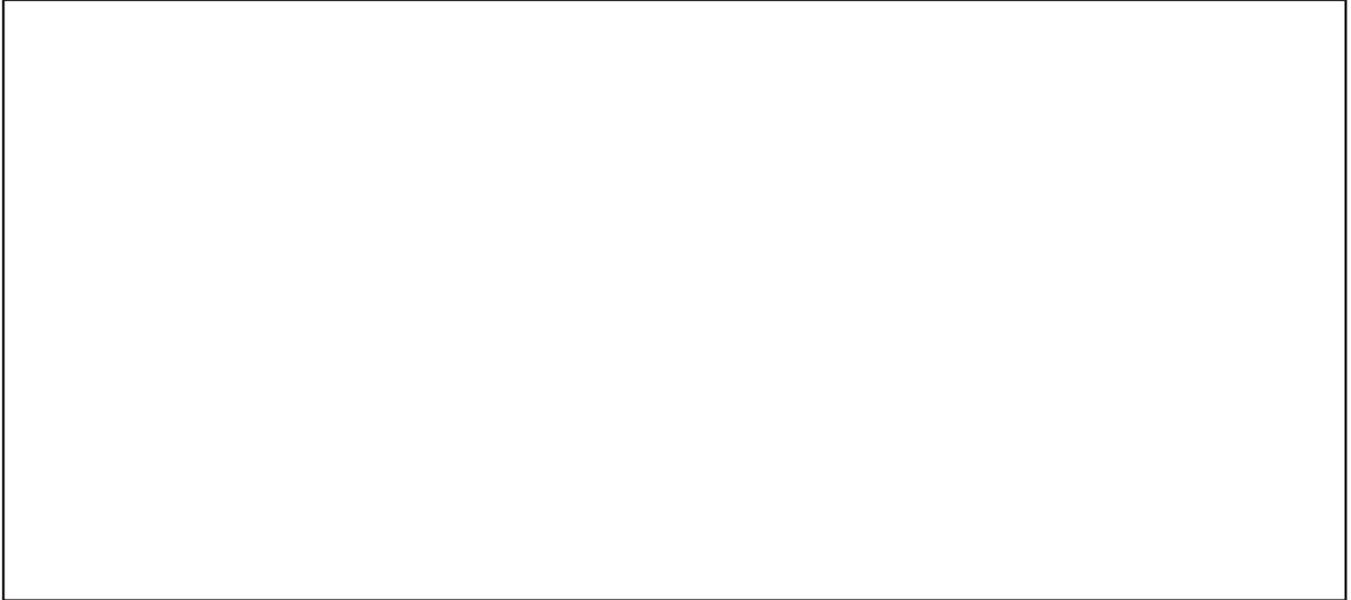
Wyoming produces about 90% of the nation's trona.

Resources in Our Lives

Name: _____

1. What is your object or product? _____

2. Draw a picture of your object in this box.



3. Why is this object or product important in your daily life?

4. What would it be like if we didn't have this product?

5. Think back to the popcorn activity. How does conserving our natural resources make sure this product doesn't go away?

6. Why is it important to be a steward of natural resources?



