The Power of Water

Columbia River

- 1. What percent of the world's water is freshwater?
- 2. What are the four D's of the way we have handled our water resources?
- 3. What is the status of the surface water in the lower 48 states?
- 4. What has destroyed the salmon fishery?
- 5. The yearly salmon run was once 10-16 million fish. To what has it been reduced?
- 6. In what two ways are young salmon being helped through the dams?

Industry

- 7. How much of the world's freshwater is in the Great Lakes?
- 8. What danger does chemical storage facilities pose to water?
- 9. What warning sign indicated that chemical storage facilities at Love Canal were leaking?
- 10. The efforts of grassroots organizations has lead to what two actions in river cleanup?

Everglades

- 11. How are the everglades now different?
- 12. For what is the drained land being used?
- 13. How much of the everglades remains?
- 14. What has been the effect of decreased freshwater flowing through the everglades?

Well Runs Dry

- 15. What was the effect of discovering natural gas in parts of the mid-west U.S.?
- 16. What has happened to the Ogallala aquifer?
- 17. Why is this happening?
- 18. How are water meters used to combat the problem?
- 19. What are the problems of dry land farming?
- 20. What has been the effect of center pivot irrigation?

Land of Little Rain

- 21. Though it contains much desert, which state produces more vegetables than any other?
- 22. Where does the water come from and what is the significance of the source?
- 23. Where does the water go?
- 24. What has been the effect of this?
- 25. How quickly is Las Vegas growing?
- 26. Why is this growth a problem?
- 27. What plan exists to meet the water demands of Las Vegas?
- 28. In what ways is water wasted in the city?
- 29. What argument was made in favor of the Mirage?
- 30. What is wrong with this argument?
- 31. What argument exists between urban dwellers and farmers?