



GRASSLANDS

WHAT ARE THESE?

- *Areas that are dominated by grasses
- *Semi-arid climate
- *Rain fall and soil cannot support significant tree growth
- *Mid-latitudes and near the interiors of continents
- *Cold winters, warm summers with some rain

ANIMALS ON THE GRASSLANDS

- *Dependent on where these grasslands are located:
gazelles, zebras, rhinos, wild horses, lions, wolves, prairie dogs, jack rabbits, bison, buffalo, mice, foxes, blackbirds, meadowlarks, quail, sparrows, hawks, owls, snakes, lots of insects and spiders

OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION

These grasslands are known by different names dependent on where they are located:

- *Prairies - United States
- *Pampas - South America
- *Steppes - Central Eurasian
- *Savannas - Africa

Questions about the reading above

1. What type of climate are grasslands usually found in?
2. Why are there not a lot of trees on the grasslands?
3. What are grasslands called in South America?
4. What are grasslands called in Africa?
5. In the United States, on the prairies, what animal might you find?
6. In central eastern Europe through to Asia is the world's largest grasslands. What do they call these grasslands there?
7. In the grasslands, what type of vegetation is found there?