



## Exercise: 1

**Instructions:** Select five questions from the list below. Answer each in complete paragraphs. Then make a poster map of Idaho. Summarize your questions by locating captions, facts, statistics, pictures and diagrams in the correct geographic locations.

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1. Where were fruits and vegetables first grown in Idaho?
2. What brought farmers to Idaho?
3. Why did cattlemen come to Idaho? Where was Idaho's best rangeland?
4. What was the Snake River country like when it was part of the "Old West"?
5. What kinds of trouble did the cattlemen have?
6. How did the cattle business change during the 1880s?
7. Where in Idaho do cattle graze on open rangeland?
8. Why is farmland a lasting form of wealth?
9. How many of Idaho's people depend on farming, farm business, and food processing for their living?
10. How did railroads change Idaho's farming?
11. Why did southern Idaho farmers have to irrigate their land? Why could farmers in the panhandle get along without irrigating?
12. How many gallons of water does it take to grow the grain needed to make one pound of beet? To make one egg?
13. Who were America's pioneers in the science of irrigation?
14. What brought a new rush of people to the Snake River Valley in the 1880s?
15. What four laws were very important to Idaho in getting people to come and live on the empty land?
16. Who was Ira B. Perrine? What all do?
17. What does Milner Dam do?
18. What caused the town of Magic Valley spring up between 1904 and 1909?
19. How much did land and water cost in Magic Valley in 1903?
20. Why were the people of Magic Valley when the bridge at Twin Falls opened? In what year did this happen?
21. A river does not always have the same amount of water in it. Why?
22. Why was it decided to put a large storage dam at American Falls?
23. What problems had to be taken care of so the dam could be built at American Falls?

24. How large is American Falls Reservoir?
25. Why is some land irrigated with sprinklers instead of ditches?
26. Where does the water come from that is used for sprinkler irrigation?
27. Why is there very little irrigation north of the Salmon River?
28. What is Idaho's most valuable farm product? What are the two most important field crops?
29. Where are most of Idaho's potatoes grown? Where is Idaho's wheat grown?
30. What crops are grown in northern Idaho?
31. Why is the Snake River Valley well suited for growing seed crops?
32. Where are most of Idaho's fruit and vine crops grown?
33. What are the four important uses for dams?
34. How does a storage dam help prevent floods? How does it help irrigate?
35. Why must we be careful in planning for the future use of Idaho's water?