

The Aral Sea Student Questions

Read the article from <http://www.columbia.edu/~tmt2120/introduction.htm> and answer the following questions

1. Where is the Aral Sea located?

2. The Aral Sea used to be how large, compared to other seas?

3. How long has the Aral Sea been Shrinking?

4. Which cash crop was a contributor to this ecological disaster?

5. What other reasons are contributing to the shrinking of the sea?

6. What did the Kara Kum canal, among other, do for the Soviet Union?

7. What are some negative correlations to the salinity of water level?

8. What are some positive correlations?

9. What are some negative effects that come with cotton production near the rivers that feed the Aral?

10. How many rivers feed the Aral, and what are they called?