**NEUSE RIVER BASIN BROCHURE READING**

1. Why did lawmakers pass laws to protect the Neuse River basin?
2. What are the major tributaries that feed into the Neuse River basin?
3. Why is the Neuse River important to the fishing industry of North Carolina?
4. What is the significance of the Albermarle-Pamlico estuary?
5. Name 2 fish that use the rivers as spawning (reproductive) areas.
6. Name some other recreational and commercial fish found in its waters.
7. What is a Carolina Mudpuppy?
8. What unusual feature has the river carved in Lenoir County? Why do you think this is unusual?

**Pollution**

1. What is a big threat to water quality here?
2. Explain **nonpoint source pollutant.**
3. How are nonpoint source pollutants a problem here in the Neuse?
4. Are **point source pollutants** affecting the river at all? Explain.
5. Why did the state put restrictions on hog farms?
   1. What pollutants are they working to decrease?
   2. What do the farmers have to do now to protect the river?
6. Although nutrient pollution has been the most publicized, population growth and development has lead to this problem:
7. What can residents do to reduce their contribution to water pollution?