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Aral Sea Crisis

Directions: After watching the videos, read the chapter 26 'The Aral Sea' in *Geography Alive!* Pg. 379-386. Then, answer the following questions in complete sentences. You must **think** about the answers! ---You may work in groups, but you must turn in your own paper!

Vocabulary, pg. 381

Environmental degradation:

Groundwater:

Salinization:

Water Stress:

Irrigation: The watering of land for agriculture (growing crops).

Why have the waters of the Aral receded (dried up)? Who is responsible?

What environmental problems have resulted?

What human costs have been a result (Examples of disease, deaths, economic problems)?

Soviets leaders said that the "Aral had to die as a soldier in the war of progress." What do you think this means? Do you agree or disagree?

Have you heard of the Aral Sea Crisis before? If you have not, why do you think this is the case?

