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## The Appalachians – “Steel Kitchen” and “Cow Barn” of the USA



⇒ Fill in the blanks in the text about the Appalachians!

The Appalachians are amongst the \_\_\_\_\_ mountain ranges on Earth. They are named after the Native American tribe “Apalachee”. Over 400 million years ago the first \_\_\_\_\_ formed. During the Earth’s history the fold mountains rose and were carried away over and over again. Because of its old age and the constant erosion the mountain range is now only up to \_\_\_\_\_ meters high. Stretching over about 2400 km, the Appalachians are still considered a relatively \_\_\_\_\_ .As a result of the long erosion time, the \_\_\_\_\_ came close to the surface of the mountain peaks. To get to the reserves, the caps of the mountains are \_\_\_\_\_. This process is called \_\_\_\_\_ and causes great \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Appalachians was the foundation for the industrialization of the U.S. since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century. It is partly used for energy production and for \_\_\_\_\_ in the furnaces of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh became the “Steel Kitchen” of the U.S. But since then most of the furnaces have been shut down and the city became a symbol of the \_\_\_\_\_. Many people moved away. Today new branches of industry like \_\_\_\_\_ have settled here. The Appalachians are also an important agricultural region. The North is part of the \_\_\_\_\_. The origin of this agricultural zone is not only a result of natural conditions, but also of the close proximity to the \_\_\_\_\_.