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The Water Cycle & Land Use Reading Questions

Read the article and then answer the questions below.

1. How much of the earth's surface is covered by water?
2. How does salt water become fresh water in the water cycle?
3. When are trees in deciduous forests extremely important in the water cycle?
4. We don't drink 2,000 gallons of water each day, but why is it said that currently, each of us uses that much?
5. Where does most of the water we use in New York come from?
6. Find out where the water you drink comes from and write the source below.
7. What are some of the negative consequences of dams?
8. Give an example of the consequences of soil erosion by surface runoff, and explain why this is harmful.
9. What happens to water quality as impervious surfaces increase?
10. Draw a simple water cycle and include three arrows where you think that human activities disturb it.
11. List some ways that you could conserve water.