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Student Study Guide
America's Heartland

Episode 108 – Home Turf

1. What is the location for this segment of America's Heartland? _____
(city or town)

(state)
2. Wayne Thorston cares for _____ acres of lawn because he operates a _____
farm that is one of _____ of such farms across the United States that
are now a _____ - billion dollar agricultural industry. In fact, it is one of the top
cash crops for farmers.
3. Using modern equipment, Todd Valley Farms can cut sod into _____
or roll it into _____ feet at a time. It is cut, stacked, loaded on trucks and travels to a
_____ or _____ in a matter of hours.
4. The variety of grass they show being cut is from the state of _____.
It was developed there, then grown in _____ and shipped back
to _____ for _____.
5. In addition to 500 acres in the field they have _____
square feet of _____. Some of this is used
for research on new _____ some is used to grow _____
of _____ that can be _____,
_____ and _____
anywhere in the world.
6. What is the most popular variety of grass? _____
Why is it so popular? _____

It takes _____ percent less water than Bluegrass and _____ percent less water than Bermuda grass.

7. _____ conservation has become a big issue in turf grass. Why is sod a water conservation issue? _____

8. Water conservation also is an issue for America's _____ golf courses, new commercial projects and professional sports stadiums.

9. What type of sod is used at SBC Park, home of the San Francisco Giants? _____

10. What do experts advise to keep your own lawn green and healthy? _____

11. How can a healthy lawn help improve the environment? _____
