

American Chestnut

Name: _____

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word or words.

cankers	dead	blight	western	susceptible
sores	resistant	fruit	tannic	eastern
flowers	roots	bur		

1. American chestnut trees grew over the _____ region of North America.
2. The American chestnut was best known for its _____ and wood.
3. The round spiny cover around a nut is a _____.
4. The bark of the American chestnut is rich in _____ acid, which is used to soften and darken leather.
5. A disease that kills the leaves, flowers and stem of plants is known as a _____.
6. Swollen or sunken wounds on a tree's trunk or branches are _____.
7. By 1950, only standing _____ American chestnut trees and small stump sprouts remained.
8. The American chestnut tree wood is highly _____ to decay.

Directions: Answer the following statements/ questions to the best of your ability. You may write your answers on the back of this paper.

1. Describe 4 important past uses of the American chestnut tree.
2. What are some strategies organizations, such as, the American Chestnut Cooperators Foundation and the American Chestnut Foundation are doing to try and reestablish the American chestnut tree population?