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?