

Essential Questions

- What are some energy resources?
- O How is the sun the source of most energy on Earth?
- What are the advantages and the disadvantages of using various energy resources?

Energy resources

- Energy resources are natural resources that can be converted into other forms of energy to do work.
- Non-renewable resources cannot be replaced or can only be replaced very slowly.

Fossil Fuels

- Fossil fuels energy resources formed from buried plant and animal remains millions of years old.
- Nonrenewable resources:
 petroleum (gasoline, plastics, etc);
 natural gas; coal

Electrical Energy from Fossil Fuels

- o Fossil fuels are the main source of electrical energy in the U.S.
- Electrical generators convert a fossil fuels' chemical energy into electrical energy
- Fossil fuels are burned, thermal energy turns water to steam, steam converts to kinetic energy by powering a turbine, creating electricity

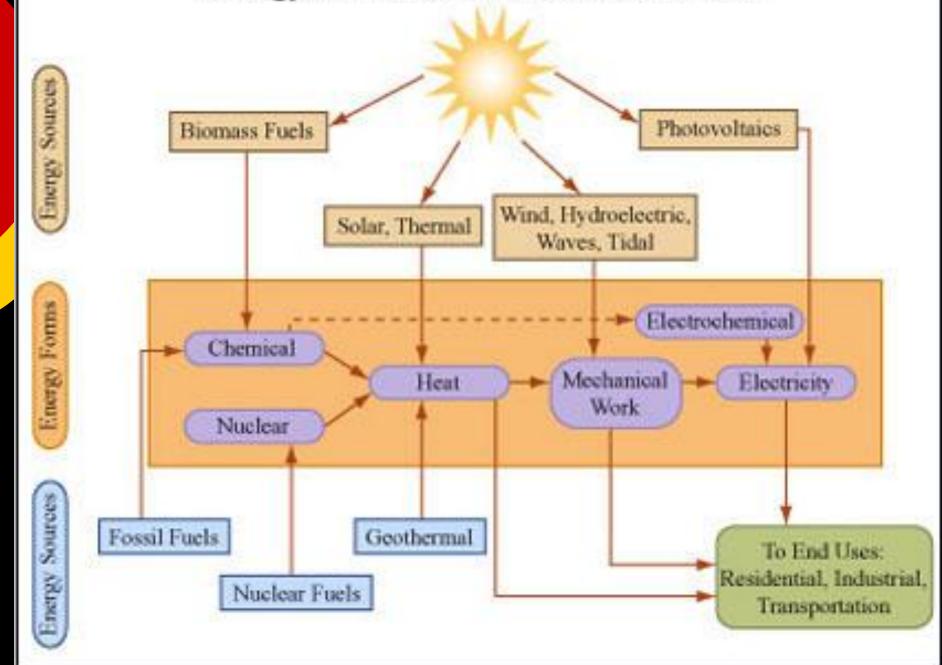
Nuclear Energy

- Like fossil fuel power plants, nuclear power plants use thermal energy, using steam
- Nuclear energy is generated from radioactive elements
- Nuclear fission occurs when nuclei of atoms are split into smaller nuclei, releasing nuclear energy
- Non-renewable resource

Renewable Resources

- o Renewable resources are replaced faster than they are used.
 - Solar energy (solar cells)
 - Hydroelectric energy (water-produced)
 - Wind energy (wind turbines)
 - Geothermal energy (thermal energy caused by the heating of the Earth's crust)
 - Biomass (organic matter burned to release energy)

Energy Sources, Conversions and Use



Non-renewable vs. renewable

- Both have advantages and disadvantages
- o Copy and study the table on page 262 of the classroom textbook.

