Response Guide

Case Study: Distribution of the Automotive Industry in the U.S.

Site Factors, Situation Factors, Lean Production, & Transportation Costs

1. What is the lean production method? Explain in detail.

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Explain the process of just-in-time delivery.	What is no longer needed when using just-in-time delivery?	What is the end result? (Think about cost)

3. What is the spatial relationship between inputs, the market, and the plant for the automotive industry in the American Midwest?

4. Japan automakers like Toyota have set up production in the American Midwest. How has this benefited the following 3 groups?

Japanese Automakers	American Workers	American Car Companies

5. How can lean production, and overall lower production costs benefit consumers (the ones who buy the product)?