Weather Study Notes

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- 1. Triangular shaped symbols colored blue on a weather map point the direction a cold air mass is moving.
- 2. Winds in a low pressure system that form in the Northern Hemisphere appear to rotate counter clockwise when viewed from space.
- 3. Doppler radar can provide the location, type, and motion of precipitation to weather forecasters.
- 4. A low pressure system form when warm air rises.
- 5. An instrument that measures relative humidity with two identical thermometers is a psychrometer.
- 6. Hurricanes begin when warm, moist air rises and the moisture condenses, releasing energy in the form of latent heat.
- 7. When an air mass moves rapidly upward temperatures fall and water vapor condenses.
- 8. Clouds that often bring thunderstorms are cumulonimbus.
- 9. Doppler radar measures precipitation by bouncing radio waves off rain or snow.
- 10. Air masses move in the United States move from west to east.
- 11. States in the mid-central United States are more likely to have tornados because the cold dry air from Canada contacts warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.
- 12. An occluded front forms when a cold air mass overtakes a warm air mass and lifts the warm air mass off the ground and over another air mass.
- 13. The type of weather associated with an incoming low pressure system would be cloudy, chance of storms.
- 14. Scientists use colors and symbols to convey information on a weather map.
- 15. A warm front occurs when warm air moves into cold air.
- 16. Severe thunderstorms form when a cold air mass comes in contact with warm, moist air.
- 17. An instrument used to measure air pressure is a barometer.
- 18. A cloud whose name has the prefix *nimbo* or the suffix *–nimbus* is rain-producing.
- 19. Weather map symbols H and L indicate air pressure centers.
- 20. The type of air mass that forms in an area depends on the location where it forms.