

CHAPTER 16

**Guided Reading Strategies 16.3
Southern Europe and the Balkans**

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine each of the pairs of statements below. Circle the letter of the statement in each pair that is true.

- 1. **a.** Greece lies at the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula.
b. Greece lies at the southern tip of the Balkan Peninsula.
- 2. **a.** Civilization in Greece can be traced back more than 2,500 years.
b. Civilization in Greece can be traced back more than 25,000 years.
- 3. **a.** About 98 percent of the people in Greece are Roman Catholic.
b. About 98 percent of the people in Greece are Greek Orthodox Christian.
- 4. **a.** Greece is one of the wealthiest countries in Western Europe.
b. Greece is a relatively poor country by European standards.
- 5. **a.** The western Balkans has one of the most diverse human populations in Europe.
b. The people who live in the western Balkans are all remarkably similar.
- 6. **a.** At the end of World War II, the Soviet Union occupied all of the Balkan countries except Greece.
b. At the end of World War II, the United States occupied all of the Balkan countries except Greece.
- 7. **a.** During the war in Kosovo, many ethnic Albanians fled to Greece.
b. During the war in Kosovo, many ethnic Albanians fled to Albania.
- 8. **a.** Belgrade is the largest city in the western Balkans.
b. Sarajevo is the largest city in the western Balkans.
- 9. **a.** The countries of the eastern Balkans are more politically stable than those of the western Balkans.
b. The countries of the western Balkans are more politically stable than those of the eastern Balkans.
- 10. **a.** Moldova, Bulgaria, and Romania have chosen to remain communist countries.
b. Moldova, Bulgaria, and Romania are now working to adjust to democracy.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, describe the cultural geography of the western Balkans.
