

CHAPTER 17

Guided Reading Strategies 17.1

Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine the riddles below. Solve each riddle by writing the correct word or words in the space provided.

- _____ 1. "I am a huge country. I stretch across Eurasia from the Baltic Sea and Black Sea to the Pacific Ocean. What country am I?"
- _____ 2. "I am the mountains that divide the region into areas that are part of Europe and areas that are part of Asia. What mountains am I?"
- _____ 3. "I am Europe's highest point. You can find me on Russia's southern border with Georgia in the Caucasus Mountains. What am I?"
- _____ 4. "I am the European-area country that lies at a very low elevation. No place here is over 1,135 feet above sea level. What country am I?"
- _____ 5. "I am the marshes that make up Europe's largest swamp. What marshes am I?"
- _____ 6. "I am the peninsula in the region that has active volcanoes. You can find me beyond the Central Siberian Plateau. What peninsula am I?"
- _____ 7. "I am the deepest lake in the world. Some people call me the Jewel of Siberia. What lake am I?"
- _____ 8. "I am the ocean that can freeze all the way south to Russia's northern shores. What ocean am I?"
- _____ 9. "I am the term used to describe the forest of mainly ever-green trees that covers half of Russia. What term am I?"
- _____ 10. "I am the river basin that has become Russia's industrial heartland. What river basin am I?"

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain why Russia cannot take full advantage of its natural resources.
