

CHAPTER 17

Guided Reading Strategies 17.3

Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, complete each sentence below by writing the appropriate word or phrase in the space provided.

1. The countries in the region are working to develop _____ industry, which focuses on the production of consumer goods.
2. Today greater _____ is Russia's most important economic region.
3. _____, which is located on the Gulf of Finland, has been called the Venice of the North for its many canals.
4. Heavy industry lines Russia's Volga River and the _____ Mountains, and hydroelectricity is plentiful there.
5. The _____ Railroad is the longest single rail line in the world.
6. _____ Island, which has oil and mineral resources, lies off the eastern coast of Siberia in the Sea of Okhotsk.
7. Russia took the Kuril Islands away from _____ at the end of World War II.
8. About 10 percent of Ukraine's population lives in the capital city of _____.
9. _____, the capital of Belarus, has many of the country's industries.
10. In 1986 there was a disastrous nuclear accident at the nuclear power plant in _____, north of Kiev.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain how the Soviet history of environmental pollution is affecting the region today.
