

CHAPTER 18

Guided Reading Strategies 18.3

Central Asia

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, answer each of the following questions in the space provided.

1. Uzbekistan is the world's third-largest exporter of what product? _____
2. What is dryland farming? _____
3. Why does Central Asia have relatively few big cities? _____

4. What two cities lie along ancient trade routes? _____
5. What is the largest city in the region? _____
6. To what city did Kazakhstan move its capital in 1997? _____
7. How many of the countries in the region are landlocked? _____
8. Which country in the region stretches the width of Central Asia? _____
9. How did the Soviets damage Central Asia's land and water? _____

10. What Central Asian lake is considered an environmental and cultural treasure? _____

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, discuss the factors that limit the ability of the Central Asian countries to improve their economies.
