

CHAPTER 10

Guided Reading Strategies 10.2

Mexico

READING THE SECTION Each of the following sentences contains an underlined word or phrase that makes the sentence incorrect. As you read the section, use the space provided to write the word or phrase that makes the sentence correct.

- _____ 1. The capital of the Maya Empire was Tenochtitlán.
- _____ 2. In 1519 Spanish haciendas, or conquerors, landed on the eastern coast of Mexico.
- _____ 3. The Spaniards brought with them muskets and cows, which were unknown in the Americas at that time.
- _____ 4. The Spanish conquerors called their new American colony Nueva España, or New Mexico.
- _____ 5. Lands that the Indians worked in common were called mestizos.
- _____ 6. Conquistadores were large estates owned by often-wealthy families but worked by many peasants, usually Indians.
- _____ 7. Roman Catholic missionaries established frontier outposts known as plazas.
- _____ 8. Today most Mexicans are Muslim.
- _____ 9. Today the majority of Mexicans are ejidos, people of mixed European and Indian ancestry.
- _____ 10. In 1821 Mexico finally won its independence from Great Britain.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain how joining NAFTA has affected the Mexican economy.
