

CHAPTER 11

**Guided Reading Strategies 11.2
Central America and the Caribbean**

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, use the space provided to identify the country described by each statement. Choose your answers from the list below. Some answers will be used more than once.

Guatemala
Nicaragua

Belize
Costa Rica

Honduras
Panama

El Salvador

- _____ **1.** The United States built a canal across this country in the early 1900s.
- _____ **2.** Most of the region’s Central American Indians live in this country.
- _____ **3.** This is the only country in which Spanish is not the official language.
- _____ **4.** Indians live on the Caribbean side of Panama and this country.
- _____ **5.** Small family farms developed in this country.
- _____ **6.** Rich landowners control most of the land in this country.
- _____ **7.** Coffee is important to the economy of Costa Rica and this country.
- _____ **8.** Economists regard this country as the region’s least developed country.
- _____ **9.** This country was the last to gain independence, in 1981.
- _____ **10.** This country is heavily involved in ecotourism.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, identify four reasons why Costa Rica has the highest standard of living in the region.

- 1.** Reason: _____
- 2.** Reason: _____
- 3.** Reason: _____
- 4.** Reason: _____