

CHAPTER 12

Guided Reading Strategies 12.3

South America

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, complete the following outline by supplying the main idea and the missing subtopics and supporting details.

South America Today

Main Idea: _____

Topic I: All of South America's countries are developing or middle-income countries.

Detail A: _____

Detail B: All of the South American countries have market economies.

Detail C: _____

Detail D: Countries in the southern part of South America have formed a trade organization called Mercosur.

Topic II: _____

Detail A: Large parts of each country's population live in the big cities.

Detail B: _____

Detail C: The hope of job opportunities and an exciting life pull people to cities.

Detail D: _____

Topic III: South America faces a number of challenges today.

Detail A: Poverty and high birthrates make development difficult in some countries.

Detail B: _____

Detail C: Soil exhaustion threatens South America's future.

Detail D: Terrorism and violence are common in South America today.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, identify the four full members of Mercosur.

1. Country: _____ 3. Country: _____

2. Country: _____ 4. Country: _____