

CHAPTER 15

Guided Reading Strategies 15.1

Central Europe

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, circle the boldface word or phrase that best completes each statement below.

1. During the A.D. 700s **Adolf Hitler** / **Charlemagne** united several German kingdoms.
2. The German states that arose in the region became part of a loose confederation known as the **Austro-Hungarian Empire** / **Holy Roman Empire**.
3. **Prussia** / **Russia** led the movement to create a single German country.
4. Germany's economic and political problems helped bring the Nazi Party to power in **1914** / **1933**.
5. In 1939 Germany invaded **Great Britain** / **Poland**, sparking World War II.
6. Some **5 million** / **50 million** people lost their lives in World War II.
7. Today Germany has a **democratic** / **communist** system of government.
8. Germany's GDP is the fourth-largest in the world, behind the United States, Japan, and **China** / **Canada**.
9. Farmers make up **less than 3 percent** / **nearly 50 percent** of the population in Germany.
10. The largest group of immigrants to Germany are from **Poland** / **Turkey**.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, discuss the interest that Germans have in the environment.
