

CHAPTER 15

Guided Reading Strategies 15.2

Central Europe

READING THE SECTION All of the following statements refer to the Alpine countries. As you read the section, use the space provided to indicate whether each statement below refers to Austria or Switzerland.

- _____ **1.** This country, like Germany, became part of the old Holy Roman Empire.
- _____ **2.** This country is made up of 26 cantons, each of which has a large degree of self-government.
- _____ **3.** This country has not been involved in any recent wars.
- _____ **4.** Nearly all of the people who live in this country speak German.
- _____ **5.** More than 75 percent of the people in this country are Roman Catholic.
- _____ **6.** This country is not a member of the United Nations or the EU.
- _____ **7.** This country's capital and largest city is Vienna.
- _____ **8.** Many of the people who live in this country speak several languages.
- _____ **9.** This country's capital, Bern, is centrally located between the country's German-speaking and French-speaking populations.
- _____ **10.** This country is famous for its high-quality wood, glass, textile, and ceramic handicrafts.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, draw an arrow from each term in the left column to its definition in the right column.

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| 1. confederation | a. not taking sides in conflicts or alliances |
| 2. canton | b. having the ability to speak several languages |
| 3. neutral | c. group of states joined together for a common purpose |
| 4. multilingual | d. another term for a state |