

CHAPTER 18

Chapter Tutorial Central Asia

IDENTIFYING TERMS Choose the term that correctly matches each definition.

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| _____ 1. zinc | a. movable round houses of wool felt mats |
| _____ 2. caravan | b. group of people traveling together for protection |
| _____ 3. nomads | c. element important in metal processing |
| _____ 4. transhumance | d. people who move often from place to place |
| _____ 5. yurts | e. moving herds from mountain pastures in the summer to lowland pastures in the winter |

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

1. Why are most of the region's people clustered in the southeast?

2. Where are Central Asia's main energy resources found?

3. What changes did Timur bring to the region during his rule?

4. Explain how the Soviet emphasis on education and health care still affects Central Asia today.

5. What factors limit the ability of the Central Asian countries to improve their economies?

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THINKING CRITICALLY

1. Drawing Inferences Why is it that the Issyk-Kul never freezes over?

2. Analyzing Information What benefits did the Russians achieve by building railroads throughout Central Asia?

3. Drawing Conclusions Why is it that Central Asia has relatively few big cities?

EXPLORING INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS

1. History Why did Central Asia become isolated in the late 1400s?

2. Religion How did the Soviets go about trying to eliminate religion from Central Asia?

WRITING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Describing Imagine that you and your family are vacationing at Kyrgyzstan's Issyk-Kul. Write a letter to a friend back home describing your surroundings and some of your daily activities.