

**CHAPTER 7**

**Guided Reading Strategies 7.1**

**Natural Environments of North America**

**READING THE SECTION** As you read the section, write the correct term or place next to its description. Choose your answers from the list below.

Canadian Shield  
Appalachian Mountains  
Death Valley  
Ring of Fire

Continental Divide  
basin  
barrier islands

hot spot  
fall line  
piedmont

- \_\_\_\_\_ **1.** Long narrow islands created by the depositing of sand in shallow water
- \_\_\_\_\_ **2.** Area at or near the foot of a mountain region
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.** Boundary between the Piedmont and the coastal plain
- \_\_\_\_\_ **4.** Mountains that stretch from Alabama to southeastern Canada and include the Blue Ridge, Catskill, and Green Mountains
- \_\_\_\_\_ **5.** Arc of ancient rocks that covers nearly half of Canada
- \_\_\_\_\_ **6.** Lower area of land, generally surrounded by mountains
- \_\_\_\_\_ **7.** Place at which the lowest point in North America is found
- \_\_\_\_\_ **8.** Tectonically active region along the edges of the Pacific
- \_\_\_\_\_ **9.** Place where magma wells up to the surface from Earth's mantle
- \_\_\_\_\_ **10.** Crest of the Rockies that divides North America's major river systems into those flowing eastward and those flowing westward

**POST-READING QUICK CHECK** After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain why many early settlements in the eastern United States were founded along the fall line.

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