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CHAPTER 8

Guided Reading Strategies 8.1

The United States

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

1. The first settlers in North America probably came across a land bridge that linked Asia and **Hawaii** / **Alaska**.
2. About 500 years ago **Spanish** / **French** explorers claimed parts of what is now the United States from Florida to California.
3. The British established **13** / **26** colonies along North America's east coast.
4. In the **southern** / **northern** colonies, the climate and soils were ideal for growing tobacco and cotton.
5. In **1676** / **1776** the American colonists began a successful rebellion against colonial rule.
6. The American Civil War lasted from 1861 to **1865** / **1871**.
7. About **12** / **25** percent of Americans trace their origins to Africa.
8. English is the main language of the United States, and the second most widely spoken language is **French** / **Spanish**.
9. More than half of all Americans are **Protestant Christian** / **Roman Catholic**.
10. The population of the United States is concentrated in the **Northeast** / **Southeast**.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, discuss education in the United States.

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