

**CHAPTER 8**

**Guided Reading Strategies 8.3**

**The United States**

**READING THE SECTION** As you read the section, complete each sentence below by writing the appropriate word or phrase in the space provided.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ uses more energy than any other country in the world.
2. Power plants and factories that burn coal and oil have caused what is known as \_\_\_\_\_ rain.
3. Fertilizers used in sugarcane fields in Florida have killed plants and wildlife in The \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In the West, dams on the \_\_\_\_\_ and Snake Rivers produce hydroelectricity, but they also block the path of migrating salmon.
5. So much water is now drawn from the Colorado River that almost none of it reaches the Gulf of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In recent years, powerful \_\_\_\_\_ have caused serious damage in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest danger posed by hurricanes.
8. In recent years, the populations of some large cities have dropped a great deal, particularly in the \_\_\_\_\_ region.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the term used for the process in which younger professionals buy run-down houses in urban areas and restore them.
10. When the \_\_\_\_\_ collapsed in 1991, the United States became the world's only superpower.

**POST-READING QUICK CHECK** After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, answer the following questions about the North American Free Trade Agreement.

1. When was it signed? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What countries signed it? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does it do? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How has it affected trade among the member countries? \_\_\_\_\_