CHAPTER **8**

Chapter Tutorial

The United States

IDENTIFYING TERMS Choose the term that correctly matches each definition.

_____ **1.** colony

_____ **2.** plantation

_____ **3.** arable

_____ **4.** smog

_____ **5.** trade deficit

a. territory controlled by people from a foreign land

b. situation that occurs when the value of a country's exports is less than the value of its imports

c. fit for growing crops

d. large farm that produces one major crop

e. chemical reactions involving sunlight and pollutants

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

1. Why does the United States have many American Indian, Spanish, French, and British place-names?

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2. Why is the United States one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world?

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3. Provide evidence to show that Chicago is a major transportation center.

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4. How did the development of computer technologies affect industry in the Pacific region?

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5. What is a superpower? How did the United States become the world's only super-power? When did this occur?

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THINKING CRITICALLY

1. Contrasting How did the economy of the southern colonies differ from the economy of the northern colonies?

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2. Finding the Main Idea What physical features helped Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, become a major steel center?

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3. Summarizing Summarize the role played by environmental conditions in the history of the West.

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EXPLORING INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS

1. Music What musical styles originated in the United States? How did jazz develop?

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2. History How did the city of New York get its name?

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WRITING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Classifying Write a short essay that identifies the region in which you live and explains how your region differs from the other regions of the United States.