

CHAPTER 21

Guided Reading Strategies 21.1

North Africa

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, complete the following outline by supplying the main idea and the missing subtopics and supporting details.

Natural Environments

Main Idea: _____

Topic I: North Africa’s physical features include mountains, a desert, and a river.

Detail A: _____

Detail B: The world’s largest desert, the Sahara, lies south of the mountains and coastal plains.

Detail C: The barren Sahara contains ergs, regs, and depressions.

Detail D: _____

Topic II: _____

Detail A: An arid climate covers most of North Africa, making the region very dry.

Detail B: _____

Detail C: _____

Detail D: Egypt has abundant bird life, with more than 300 species living in the area.

Topic III: North Africa has important natural resources.

Detail A: Oil and natural gas are North Africa’s most valuable resources.

Detail B: _____

Detail C: Egypt is an important producer of cotton.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, write a definition for each of the following terms.

1. erg: _____

2. reg: _____

3. depression: _____