CHAPTER 15

Main Idea Activities 15.2

Central Europe

VOCABULARY  Some terms to understand:
• allegiance (335): loyalty; devotion; faithfulness
• hydropower (336): waterpower
• reserved (336): saved; withheld; preserved
• stable (336): sturdy; established; unchanging
• vital (337): necessary; important; critical; essential
• segments (337): parts; sections; facets
• pharmaceuticals (337): medications; legal drugs

ORGANIZING INFORMATION  Use the following items to complete the chart below.
• member of the EU
• nearly all of its people speak German
• made up of 26 cantons, or states
• has long been a neutral country
• housed many great artists and composers
• capital is Bern
• many of its people are multilingual
• capital is Vienna

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EVALUATING INFORMATION  Mark each statement T if it is true or F if it is false.

_____ 1. From the 1400s onward the Holy Roman emperor was a member of the Habsburgs, a family of German nobles.

_____ 2. The Swiss Empire eventually replaced the Holy Roman Empire.

_____ 3. The Austro-Hungarian Empire collapsed at the end of World War II.

_____ 4. Today Austria is a country about the size of South Carolina.

_____ 5. All of the people who live in Austria are Roman Catholic.

_____ 6. Vienna, Austria’s largest city, is located on the banks of the Danube River.

_____ 7. Austria is famous for its high-quality wood, glass, textiles, and ceramic handicrafts.
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8. Today Switzerland is a confederation, or a group of states joined together for a common purpose.

9. Switzerland was a U.S. ally in both World War I and World War II.

10. Switzerland is a member of both the United Nations and the EU.

11. Many world and regional organizations have their headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

12. The dominant language in Switzerland is English.

13. Zürich, Switzerland, is a leading world-banking center.

14. Switzerland has one of the world’s highest standards of living.

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS  For each of the following, write the letter of the best choice in the space provided.

1. Austria and Switzerland are both located in the
   a. Andes.
   b. Rockies.
   c. Himalayas.
   d. Alps.

2. Austria and Switzerland have both been deeply influenced by
   a. Germanic culture.
   b. French culture.
   c. British culture.
   d. Italian culture.

3. Which of the following was once part of the old Holy Roman Empire?
   a. Austria
   b. Switzerland
   c. both
   d. neither

4. In 1867 the Austrians agreed to share political power with the
   a. Russians.
   b. Hungarians.
   c. Czechoslovakians.
   d. Germans.
SECTION 4 ACTIVITIES
Organizing Information
Sweden—Stockholm; Denmark—
Copenhagen; Norway—Oslo; Finland—
Helsinki; Iceland—Reykjavik
Evaluating Information
1. F 9. F  
2. F 10. F  
3. T 11. T  
4. T 12. T  
5. F 13. T  
6. T 14. F  
7. F 15. T  
8. T 16. F

Reviewing Facts
1. Finnish  
2. Sami  
3. Sweden  
4. Greenland  
5. Iceland  
6. Norway

SECTION 2 ACTIVITIES
Organizing Information
Austria—nearly all of its people speak
German; capital is Vienna; housed many great
artists and composers; member of the EU;
Switzerland—made up of 26 cantons, or
states; has long been a neutral country; many
of its people are multilingual; capital is Bern
Evaluating Information
1. T 8. T  
2. F 9. F  
3. F 10. F  
4. T 11. T  
5. F 12. F  
6. T 13. T  
7. T 14. T

Understanding Main Ideas
1. d 3. a  
2. a 4. b

SECTION 3 ACTIVITIES
Classifying Information
1. a 4. a  
2. d 5. c  
3. b 6. a
Evaluating Information
1. F 7. F  
2. T 8. F  
3. T 9. T  
4. F 10. T  
5. T 11. T  
6. T 12. F

Understanding Main Ideas
1. b 3. d  
2. c 4. a

SECTION 4 ACTIVITIES
Organizing Information
Czech Republic—Prague; Slovakia—
Bratislava; Hungary—Budapest
Evaluating Information
1. F 2. F