CHAPTER 23

Guided Reading Strategies 23.1

East Africa

READING THE SECTION  As you read the section, examine each of the pairs of statements below. Circle the letter of the statement in each pair that is true.

1. a. The Western Rift Valley begins in the south near Lake Malawi.
   b. The Western Rift Valley begins in the south near the Blue Nile.

2. a. Lake Victoria is the continent’s largest lake.
   b. Lake Victoria is the continent’s deepest lake.

3. a. The Eastern Rift Valley begins in Zanzibar.
   b. The Eastern Rift Valley begins in Mozambique.

4. a. The highlands of Ethiopia are made of layers of volcanic rock.
   b. The highlands of Ethiopia are made of layers of desert sand.

5. a. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa.
   b. Kilimanjaro is the longest river in Africa.

6. a. The Blue Nile and the White Nile join in southern Somalia.
   b. The Blue Nile and the White Nile join in northern Sudan.

7. a. Weather is often unpredictable in East Africa.
   b. Weather is quite predictable in East Africa.

8. a. Grasshoppers carry a human disease known as waking sickness.
   b. Tsetse flies carry a human disease known as sleeping sickness.

9. a. East Africa is not rich in energy resources or in mineral resources.
   b. East Africa is rich in energy resources and mineral resources.

10. a. Rich soil helps explain why the small countries of Rwanda and Burundi can support dense populations.
    b. Rich deposits of gold and silver help explain why the small countries of Rwanda and Burundi can support dense populations.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK  After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain why East Africa has rift valleys.

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SECTION 1 STRATEGIES
Reading the Section
Main Idea: The region of West and Central Africa stretches from the deserts of Mauritania to the tropical rain forests around the Congo River. Topic I-B: The Congo Basin drains the region. Topic I-C: The Congo and the Niger are two of Africa’s major rivers. Topic II: All of West and Central Africa lies with the tropics. Topic II-C: Along the southern edge of the Sahara is a region of semiarid climate called the Sahel. Topic II-D: Droughts and a growing population in the Sahel have caused desertification. Topic III-B: The most valuable energy resource in the region is oil. Topic III-C: West Africa is the world’s major source of cacao, or cocoa beans.

Post-Reading Quick Check
Answers will vary. Students should mention that the people of the Sahel are subsistence farmers, that they grow peanuts and grains or raise cattle and goats, and that their growing population is putting a strain on the environment.

SECTION 2 STRATEGIES
Reading the Section
1. b 6. a
2. a 7. b
3. a 8. a
4. a 9. a
5. b 10. b

Post-Reading Quick Check
Answers will vary. Students should mention that societies in the region are based on extended families, that families consist of several households, and that members of the extended family work together to support the house and take care of older people and young children.

SECTION 3 STRATEGIES
Reading the Section
Development—region of developing countries; dual economies; Agriculture—Sahel farmers raise cattle and goats and move their herds; tropical rain forest farmers grow staple crops; Economics and Trade—export primary goods; most countries depend on a few main exports; Cities—rapid growth after independence; rapid growth has led to housing shortages; Challenges—economic development; food shortages and malnutrition; wars and conflicts; environmental concerns; disease

Post-Reading Quick Check
1. This practice makes the country vulnerable to changes in the price of its main exports. 2. The export of primary goods is less profitable than the export of manufactured goods.

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SECTION 1 STRATEGIES
Reading the Section
1. a 6. b
2. a 7. a
3. b 8. b
4. a 9. a
5. a 10. a

Post-Reading Quick Check
Answers will vary. Students should mention that tectonic processes caused the land in East Africa to lift and crack apart.