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Section 1

# Guided Reading Activity 14-1

## *The Physical Geography of Russia and the Eurasian Republics: The Land*

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Section 1

After reading Section 1, you should be able to describe the major landforms in Russia and the Eurasian Republics.

 As you read Section 1, fill in the blanks below.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the center of economic life for almost three-fourths of the people of Russia and the Eurasian republics.
2. Rich black topsoil called \_\_\_\_\_ makes Ukraine a fertile agricultural area.
3. Dune-covered deserts, or \_\_\_\_\_, make up part of the Turan Lowland.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_, or "heavenly mountains," is a towering mountain system covering much of Kyrgyzstan.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_, a warm water sea, touches Georgia and Ukraine and flows south into the Mediterranean.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_, the world's largest inland body of water, is really a saltwater lake.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ in Siberia holds one-fifth of the earth's total fresh water supply.
8. Although frozen from four to six months each year, the \_\_\_\_\_ is a major highway for trade and communications.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the world's largest producer of manganese and chromium.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the West Siberian Plain produces more oil in a day than any country except the United States and Saudi Arabia.

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## Section 2

## Guided Reading Activity 14-2

*The Physical Geography of Russia and the Eurasian Republics: The Climate and Vegetation*

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Section 2

After reading Section 2, you should be able to discuss the major climates found in Russia and the Eurasian republics and to compare the kinds of natural vegetation in different climate regions of Russia and the Eurasian republics.

 As you read Section 2, fill in the blanks below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ influence the climate of Russia and the Eurasian republics.
2. The Siberian city of Verkhoyansk has been called the “cold pole of the world” because of its \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Two major climates—\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_—are found in most of Russia and the Eurasian republics.
4. In Russia and the Eurasian republics, more than half of the land is covered with \_\_\_\_\_ six months a year.
5. Vast treeless plains called \_\_\_\_\_ dominate the landscape in the far north of Russia and the Eurasian republics.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a vast woodland area where summers are reasonably warm.
7. Wide grassy plains known as \_\_\_\_\_ stretch from the western shores of the Black Sea to the Altai Mountains.
8. The Black Sea coast of \_\_\_\_\_ has a humid subtropical climate suitable for growing citrus fruits and tobacco.
9. A narrow coastal part of the \_\_\_\_\_ has a Mediterranean climate in which vegetables thrive.
10. In the Kara Kum, vegetation supports nomadic herds of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.