READING THE SECTION  As you read the section, complete the graphic organizer by providing information about North America in each of the categories shown.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK  After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, identify two factors that make the Central and Imperial Valleys and the Rio Grande valley rich farming areas.

1. Factor: ______________________________________________________________

2. Factor: ______________________________________________________________
SECTION 2 STRATEGIES

Reading the Section
1. c
2. a
3. j
4. g
5. d
6. i
7. e
8. b
9. h
10. f

Post-Reading Quick Check
With these two developments, humans transformed the world’s environments. They cleared land to grow crops, plowed, and irrigated the land. Farming produced more food, so the same land could support more people. As a result, populations grew, and people could settle permanently in one place.

SECTION 3 STRATEGIES

Reading the Section
natural boundary—boundary that follows a feature of the landscape; mountains, rivers, deserts, lakes, oceans; cultural boundary—boundary based on culture traits such as religion and language; border between Muslim Pakistan and mostly Hindu India, boundary between Portugal and Spain; geometric boundary—boundary that follows a regular geometric pattern such as a straight line; U.S.-Canadian border at 49th parallel, geometric boundaries in colonial Africa

Post-Reading Quick Check
1. One person or a few people decide what is best for everyone; the people have little or no say in how the country is governed; examples include North Korea and Cuba.
2. All citizens have a voice in government; the people decide who will govern; leaders chosen by votes in free elections; value individual freedoms and human rights; examples include United States.

CHAPTER 7

SECTION 1 STRATEGIES

Reading the Section
1. barrier islands
2. piedmont
3. fall line
4. Appalachian Mountains
5. Canadian Shield
6. basin
7. Death Valley
8. Ring of Fire
9. hot spot
10. Continental Divide

Post-Reading Quick Check
Many early settlements were founded along the fall line because small ships could easily reach the fall line from the ocean but could not sail past it.

SECTION 2 STRATEGIES

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

Post-Reading Quick Check
The four factors are middle-latitude location, prevailing winds, ocean currents, and high mountain ranges.

SECTION 3 STRATEGIES

Reading the Section
Farming—only about 3 percent of population farms; both countries grow plenty and have large surpluses to export; grow huge amounts of corn, soybeans, and wheat; raise cattle, hogs, and other livestock; Forests—both countries are leading producers and exporters of forest products; Canada provides lumber, pulpwood, and newsprint; about a third of the United States is forested; Water Resources—plentiful resources, Canada and the United States are world’s two largest producers of hydroelectricity; Canada’s fisheries are among world’s richest; Energy—both countries rich in resources; United States is major coal exporter; most U.S. oil produced on Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana and in California and Alaska; most Canadian oil and natural gas comes from Alberta; Minerals—wide range of resources; Canada produces nickel, zinc, uranium, diamonds, lead, copper, gold, and silver; many minerals mined throughout United States.

Post-Reading Quick Check
The two factors are fertile alluvial soils and irrigation.