

# Reteaching Activity

**Reading Comprehension** Find the missing word or phrase that best completes each of the sentences below. Write your answers in the blank.

The Northern European Plain stretches for over 1,000 miles between the western border of Russia and the Republics and the (1)\_\_\_\_\_. One of the world's most fertile soils— (2)\_\_\_\_\_, or black earth—is abundant on the Northern European Plain. The Ural Mountains separate the Northern European and (3)\_\_\_\_\_ plains.

East of the Yenisey River lies the (4)\_\_\_\_\_, a land dominated by uplands and mountains. Towering mountains, barren uplands, and semiarid grasslands are located in the southern areas of Russia and the Republics. In the southwest, the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ Mountains stretch across the isthmus that separates the Black and Caspian seas. These mountains form the border between Russia and (6)\_\_\_\_\_—a region that consists of the republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Mountains are also located along the southeastern border of Central Asia—a region that includes (7)\_\_\_\_\_, (8)\_\_\_\_\_, (9)\_\_\_\_\_, (10)\_\_\_\_\_, and (11)\_\_\_\_\_.

Some of the world's longest rivers flow through the vast plains of Russia and the Republics. The (12)\_\_\_\_\_, the longest river in the region, drains into the Caspian Sea. In addition to some of the world's longest rivers, Russia and the Republics also boast some of the largest lakes on Earth. (13)\_\_\_\_\_ is the deepest lake in the world. Russia and the Republics have many energy and mineral resources. Many of the region's resources are located in frigid arctic and subarctic regions of (14)\_\_\_\_\_.