



Guided Reading Activity 2

Issues and Challenges

Directions: Summarizing Read this section in your textbook to fill in the blanks below.

The United States has the world's largest
(1) _____. In 1999 the United States, Canada,
and (2) _____ signed the North American Free
Trade Agreement. The United States spends more on imports
than it earns from exports, resulting in a (3) _____
_____. This can result when other nations
price their goods (4) _____ and place high
(5) _____, or taxes, on imports. Canada earns
more from exports than it spends on imports; thus, it has a
(6) _____.

To prevent future terrorist attacks, the United States and
Canada have worked to increase (7) _____
along their border. They also both have strong roles in the
(8) _____, providing aid to
people and sending (9) _____ to serve in UN forces.

The burning of fossil fuels creates (10) _____,
which mixes with water vapor to create acid rain. Another concern
is (11) _____, which can lead
to changing weather patterns. Other environmental challenges
include (12) _____, or abandoned places that contain
dangerous chemicals, and the spread of human settlement into
natural areas, called (13) _____.