

CRISIS, CIVIL WAR, AND RECONSTRUCTION

Preread the Chapter: Why and How?

What is **Prereading**? It is a reading comprehension strategy. This graphic organizer aids you in prereading this chapter.

Checklist: Place a check on the line when you have completed the following:

- _____ Read all items in the Chapter Opener.
- _____ Read the titles of the charts, graphs, maps, and timeline in the Quick Study Guide and American Issues Connector at the end of the chapter.
- _____ Read the chapter assessment.

Before you read each section of your text, look at the following material. (Chapters may have 3, 4, or 5 sections.) Check the sections as you complete the review.

Sections: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ Read the Focus Question, the section opener information in the side column, and each boldface heading and subheading.

Sections: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ Looked over all words that are underlined or in boldface type.

Sections: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ Read all review questions within the section.

Complete the following:

1. Chapter title: _____

2. Write the main idea of each section based on its Focus Question.

Section 1: _____

Section 2: _____

Section 3: _____

Section 4: _____

Section 5: _____

Preread the Chapter: Why and How? (Continued)

3. List three visual aids included in the chapter (e.g., pictures, maps, charts, diagrams, features). Describe how they will aid your understanding of the chapter.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

4. Describe one new or important idea you learned from reading the Quick Study Guide.

5. Identify two unfamiliar words that you noticed during your prereading, and determine from the context what you think the new word means.

Word #1 _____ Part of Speech _____

Clues to meaning _____

Predicted meaning _____

Word #2 _____ Part of Speech _____

Clues to meaning _____

Predicted meaning _____

6. After previewing this chapter, were you able to understand what the chapter is about?

Not understood _____ Somewhat understood _____ Easily understood _____

7. Copy the heading (titles in blue print) that you predict will be the most difficult to understand.

8. How many pages are in the chapter? _____

9. Estimate the time it will take you to read the chapter. _____