

Section 3: Sweden: A Welfare State
Western Europe

Guided Reading and Review

A. As You Read

Directions: As you read Section 3, complete the following chart with details about Sweden. Write four facts for each main idea.

Main Idea A	
Sweden is a welfare state.	
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Main Idea B	
Sweden's welfare state has problems and possible solutions.	
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B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Complete these sentences by writing the key terms in the blanks provided.

9. In a(n) _____, the government pays for many services and benefits so all of the country's citizens can live well.
10. Some Swedes think the country's _____ is too high, so the government has cut some spending and increased taxes.

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Section Quiz

A. Key Terms

Directions: Read the statements below. If a statement is true, write T in the blank provided. If it is false, write F. Rewrite false statements on the back of this page to make them true.

- _____ 1. A welfare state is a country in which many services are paid for by the government.
- _____ 2. The amount of money owed by a government is its gross national product.

B. Main Ideas

Directions: Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.

- _____ 3. Which of the following best describes the Swedish welfare system?
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| a. It helps only the retired. | c. It helps only working people. |
| b. It helps only needy people. | d. It is a "cradle-to-grave" system. |
- _____ 4. How does the Swedish government pay for the benefits it provides?
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| a. by lowering its debt | c. by increasing its trade routes |
| b. by collecting high taxes | d. by joining the European Union |
- _____ 5. What kind of government does Sweden have?
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| a. an absolute monarchy | c. a democracy |
| b. a constitutional monarchy | d. a dictatorship |
- _____ 6. Many people left Sweden at the end of the 1800s because
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| a. the country was poor. | c. industry had grown too rapidly. |
| b. the government encouraged exploration of other lands. | d. the new farming methods were difficult to learn. |
- _____ 7. After 1932, Sweden changed into
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| a. a communist country. | c. a constitutional monarchy. |
| b. an absolute monarchy. | d. a welfare state. |
- _____ 8. What can businesses do to help solve Sweden's economic problems?
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| a. move overseas | c. increase efficiency to earn more |
| b. hire immigrants who do not qualify for benefits | d. switch from electricity to fossil fuels for power |