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GUIDED READING *Technology and Modern Life*

Section 3

**A.** As you read about the impact of technological advances during the 1990s, note inventions, trends, and efforts relating to each field listed below.

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|------------------------|
| 1. Communications      |
| 2. Health care         |
| 3. Genetic engineering |
| 4. Entertainment       |
| 5. Education           |
| 6. Space exploration   |
| 7. Environment         |

**B.** On the back of this paper, explain the significance of the **Telecommunications Act of 1996**.

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**RETEACHING ACTIVITY** *Technology and Modern Life*

**Summarizing**

**A.** Complete the chart shown here by describing the advances made in each of the following areas.

| Area                  | Breakthroughs |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Communications</b> |               |
| <b>Science</b>        |               |
| <b>Medicine</b>       |               |

**Evaluating**

**B.** Write *T* in the blank if the statement is true. If the statement is false, write *F* in the blank and then write the corrected statement on the line below.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. During the 1990s, fossil fuels such as oil provided less than half of all the energy in the United States.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The 1990s saw the increasing use of DNA in criminal cases to prove both the guilt and innocence of suspects.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Society is unanimous in its support for research into the possibility of human cloning.

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*In the 1990s, the number of illegal immigrants from Mexico who crossed the United States–Mexican border at night continued to rise. Why do you think road signs like this one have been posted in California?*



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**Research Options**

1. Find out how and where illegal immigrants enter the United States. Then share your findings with the class, using a map as a visual aid.
2. Research how the United States government has thus far attempted to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and then brainstorm your own ideas for solving this problem.