

# CHAPTER REVIEW

## Summary

- During the last decades of the 1900s, North Carolina moved from being a manufacturing state to one involved in the many new technologies that were sweeping the world.
- North Carolina also diversified its politics. By the late 1970s, North Carolina had helped the national Republican Party change the course of the federal government. By the 1980s, North Carolina itself had a two-party system.
- In the late 1900s, North Carolina became metropolitan. After 1970, more North Carolinians lived in metropolitan areas than in the traditional crossroads hamlets, mill villages, or small towns.
- After 1970, the stability of the big three industries (tobacco, textiles, and furniture) began to decline. In their place arose new industries, especially banking, the science and technology of Research Triangle Park, and the stock car racing business.
- The many changes and innovations that occurred after World War II put a great strain on North Carolina's resources.
- Historic preservation and cultural renewal are two ways that North Carolinians have worked to protect the state's resources.

## Reviewing People, Places, and Terms

Use each of the following terms in a sentence that does not define the word and does not repeat information as it appears in the text.

constitution of 1971

cultural renewal

Dale Earnhardt, Sr.

Jesse Helms

historic preservation

Hurricane Floyd

interstate banking

metropolitan

Richard Petty

Piedmont Triad

ridge law

Triangle

urban renewal

## Understanding the Facts

1. Why did the civil rights movement of the 1960s convince some North Carolinians to vote for Republicans?
2. What well-known Republican senator from North Carolina supported the idea of limited government and helped make the Republican Party more conservative?
3. During the last decades of the twentieth century, from which party were almost all of the congressmen in western North Carolina? Eastern?
4. How did the urban sprawl of North Carolina's metropolitan areas affect the state's small towns?
5. What new technologies did North Carolina help to pioneer after 1970?

6. What area enjoyed great economic success during this time period, with over seventy international businesses located there?
7. What industry made North Carolina internationally important by the 1990s? In what city was this industry concentrated?
8. What were the five main areas of environmental concerns in North Carolina during this time?
9. What hurricane did the most damage to North Carolina? In what year did this occur?

### Developing Critical Thinking

1. Why do you think North Carolina “ticket-splitters” were willing to vote for Democrats in state elections but not in national elections?
2. How does it benefit a city to have its own professional sport team?
3. Does your school have activities or projects that would be considered types of cultural renewal? Give some possible ways that your school could participate in cultural renewal.

### Applying Your Skills

1. What was the percent of increase of the population of Cary from the 1960s to the late 1990s?
2. You read how the Civilian Conservation Corps’ project of fencing in the middle of the barrier islands helped with the loss of sand. Research to find other efforts being made to preserve coastal beaches.

### Exploring Technology

1. Use your favorite search engine to find information about the life, political career, and controversies surrounding Jesse Helms. After reading the information, answer the following questions:

(a) Why do you believe Jesse Helms was so strongly supported by North Carolinians? (b) If Jesse Helms was beginning his political career today, do you believe he would be more popular, less popular, or about as popular as he was then? Explain.

2. Go to web site [www.daleearnhardt.net/biography/](http://www.daleearnhardt.net/biography/), which provides information about the life and career of Dale Earnhardt, Sr. After reading the web site, list five facts that you learned about his life or career.

### Writing Across the Curriculum

1. Physicians have mixed feelings about settling in a small town to practice medicine. Choose a location (small town or big city) and write a persuasive essay that will draw doctors to your chosen area to practice medicine.
2. You have read about the many innovative products and policies that were started in North Carolina. Imagine that you are reading a North Carolina history textbook written a hundred years from now. Write a section for that book, describing innovative products and policies that were started in the twenty-first century in North Carolina.

### Exploring Diversity

1. Some people may feel that North Carolina did not ratify the Equal Rights Amendment because of North Carolinians’ view of the role of women in the 1970s. Do you see evidence of that holding true today? Explain.