

Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica

Unit 9, Regional Atlas, pages 724-727

Focus on: Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica, p. 724

1. The **region** of Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica lies almost entirely in what **hemisphere**?
2. **a.** The region covers a portion of the **globe** from what **line of latitude** and what **pole**? **b.** The region includes **landscapes** (climates) ranging between what two types?

The Land, page 724

3. **Australia** is described in both physical and political terms in the first sentence. Name the physical and political term assigned to Australia.
4. What **chain of hills and mountains** run down the continent's eastern edge?
5. **a.** How is Australia's **interior** land described? **b.** How many huge **deserts** exist in Australia?
6. Australia is home to the world's largest **coral reef**. Name the reef.
7. **a.** How many islands are scattered over **Oceania**? **b.** What are the three kinds of **islands** that make up Oceania?
8. What continent covers and surrounds the **South Pole**? How much of the world's **fresh water** does the continent hold?

The Climate, pages 724 & 726

9. **a.** What part of Australia receives the most **rainfall**? **b.** Why is the continent mostly a **desert climate**?
10. Because no part of **New Zealand** is more than 80 miles from the sea, what is the only kind of **climate region** that exists in the country?

11. **a.** What kind of **climate** do the islands of **Oceania** have? **b.** What two distinct **seasons** do the islands have? **c.** What kind of **forests** cover many of the islands?
12. Because it receives little precipitation, **Antarctica** is considered to be a desert. How does Antarctica rank in size in terms of **world deserts**?

The Economy, page 726

13. List the type of **minerals** that are mined in **Australia**.
14. Since little of Australia's land is good for growing crops, what two domestic animals are raised on vast **ranches** or **stations**?
15. List the type of **crops** grown in **New Zealand**.
16. In terms of making a living, on what two activities do the people of **Oceania** primarily depend?
17. On larger islands of **Oceania** with rich volcanic soil, what kinds of **cash crops** can be grown for **export** (name the 4 given)?
18. **a.** What two reasons are given for the preservation of **Antarctica**? **b.** To what two things did the 43 nations who signed the **Antarctic Treaty in 1959** commit?

The People, pages 726-727

19. **a.** From where did the **first settlers** of Oceania probably come? **b.** How long ago did Australia's first inhabitants arrive there (ancestors of today's **Aborigines**). **c.** When did **seafaring people** reach the farthest islands of Oceania?
20. What three **cultures** are blended together to form the culture of Australia and Oceania?