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# Australia and Its Neighbors

## *Lesson 1: Physical and Political Characteristics*

### **LOCATION**

1. Turn to the Continents and Oceans map on page 2. Use the map to complete the table below.

Description	Name
Continent northwest of Australia	
Continent south of Australia	
Ocean west of Australia	
Ocean east of Australia	

2. Use the Land Cover Map on page 96 to answer the following questions.
- What is the sea northeast of Australia? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is the coral reef off the northeastern coast? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is the sea between Australia and New Zealand? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is the large bay south of Australia? (Hint: Another word for bay is "bight.")  
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### **REGIONS**

3. Use the Land Cover Map to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer.
- What is the land cover in most of the Western Plateau?  
 grassland                      cropland                      desert
  - What is the land cover for North Island in New Zealand?  
 cropland                      broadleaf forest                      desert
  - What is the land cover for Tasmania?  
 desert                      cropland                      broadleaf forest
4. Use the Land Cover Map to complete the following sentences about the Western Plateau.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Beach is near Roebuck Bay in Australia.
  - The Macdonnell Ranges are north of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ranges.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ Desert lies between the Great Sandy and Great Victoria Deserts.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ River flows near the Kimberley Plateau.

**PLACE**

- ▶ 5. Australia is divided into six states and two territories. Compare the Political Map on page 97 to the Land Cover Map on page 96 to answer the following questions.
- a. Which Australian state contains the Great Sandy, Gibson, and Great Victoria Deserts?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Which state's northernmost point is Cape York Peninsula? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Which state is an island? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Which small territory contains Australia's national capital, Canberra?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Which state contains Gairdner, Torrens, and Eyre Lakes? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Which state contains Melbourne and the Australian Alps? \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Which territory contains Victoria and Daly Rivers? \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. Which state contains Sydney and the southern portion of the Great Dividing Range?  
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6. Use the Political Map to match the countries below with their national capitals.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Capital</u>
a. Papua New Guinea •	• Wellington
b. Australia •	• Port-Vila
c. New Zealand •	• Port Moresby
d. Solomon Islands •	• Canberra
e. Vanuatu •	• Honiara

**USING GEOGRAPHY**

- ▶ 7. Use the Political Map to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write T or F in the space provided.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Vanuatu is southeast of the Solomon Islands.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ The eastern half of New Guinea is part of Indonesia.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ The national capital of New Zealand is on South Island.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Brisbane, Australia, is larger than Gold Coast, Australia.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ Auckland, New Zealand, is about 500 miles from Christchurch, New Zealand.
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ Port Hedland, Australia, is between Shark Bay and the North West Cape.
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_ The Equator crosses New Guinea.
  - h. \_\_\_\_\_ The Pacific Ocean is west of Australia.