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# Australia and Its Neighbors

## *Lesson 2: The Land and the People*

### **REGIONS**

- ▶ 1. Use the Rainfall map on page 98 to rank the following regions by rainfall, with 1 being the region that receives the most rain and 4 the least.
- \_\_\_\_\_ center of Australia
  - \_\_\_\_\_ most of Papua New Guinea
  - \_\_\_\_\_ the southern tip of New Zealand's North Island
  - \_\_\_\_\_ along most of Australia's east coast
2. Use the Growing Season map on page 98 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer(s).
- How long is the growing season along the coast of Papua New Guinea?  
 6 to 8 months                      8 to 10 months                      all year
  - How long is the growing season for most of Australia?  
 8 to 10 months                      10 to 12 months                      all year
  - What are the two growing seasons for New Zealand's South Island?  
 under 6 months                      6 to 8 months                      8 to 10 months

### **PLACE**

3. Use Focus on Australia's Isolation on page 99 to answer the following questions.
- How were animals able to cross from continent to continent during the Ice Ages?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Why were Asian species never able to reach Australia?  
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  - Was the Arafura Sea between New Guinea and Australia once dry land? \_\_\_\_\_
  - How many miles is Sydney, Australia, from Tokyo, Japan? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Use the Elevation map on page 99 to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write T or F in the space provided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No area in Papua New Guinea is over 10,000 feet above sea level.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Australia's Lake Eyre is below sea level.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Most of Australia's Western Plateau is 1,000 to 2,000 feet above sea level.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Most of New Zealand is over 5,000 feet above sea level.

**USING GEOGRAPHY**

5. Use the Population map on page 100 to match the following places with their populations.

<u>Place</u>	<u>People per Square Mile</u>
a. Wellington, New Zealand •	• 0 to 5
b. most of Australia •	• 5 to 50
c. northern Papua New Guinea •	• over 250

6. According to the Australia's Urban Population circle graph on page 100, do most Australians live in urban areas or rural areas? \_\_\_\_\_

**MOVEMENT**

7. Use the People per Car graph on page 100 to finish the sentences below. Underline the phrase that correctly completes each sentence.

- a. Australia has the same ratio of people per car \_\_\_\_\_ as the United States. \_\_\_\_\_ as Papua New Guinea.
- b. Papua New Guinea has about seven times as many people per car \_\_\_\_\_ as Australia. \_\_\_\_\_ as Vanuatu.
- c. If people per car is an indicator of a country's wealth, then Vanuatu is wealthier \_\_\_\_\_ than Papua New Guinea. \_\_\_\_\_ than Australia.

8. Use Focus on People of the Pacific on page 101 to answer the following questions.

- a. How long ago did people first settle the Pacific Islands? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. In what Pacific Region are Hawaii and New Zealand? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. In what Pacific Region are New Guinea and Fiji? \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN PLACES**

9. Use the Land Use map on page 101 to complete the following sentences. Cross out the incorrect land use in each pair in parenthesis.

- a. The land use for most of Papua New Guinea is (commercial, subsistence) farming.
- b. Most of New Zealand is used for (commercial farming, ranching or herding).
- c. Most of the east coast of Australia is used for (commercial, subsistence) farming.

10. Use the Australia's Wheat Exports graph on page 101 and the Australia's Size and Shape map on page 100 to complete the following sentences.

- a. Australia \_\_\_\_\_ most of the wheat it produces.
- b. Australia only consumes \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the wheat it produces.
- c. Australia and the 48 states are about \_\_\_\_\_ in size.