

AUSTRALIA GEOGRAPHY OVERVIEW

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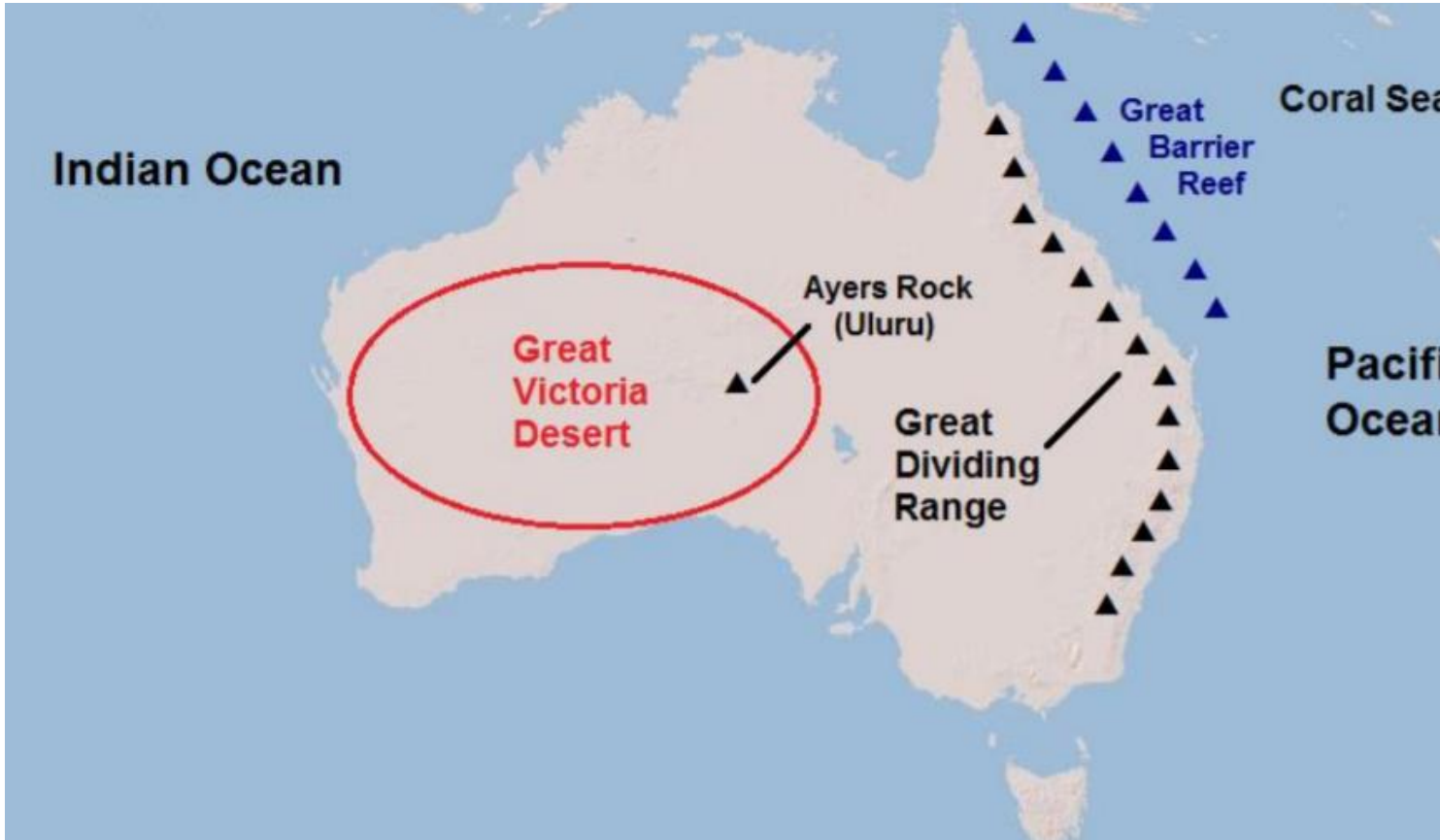
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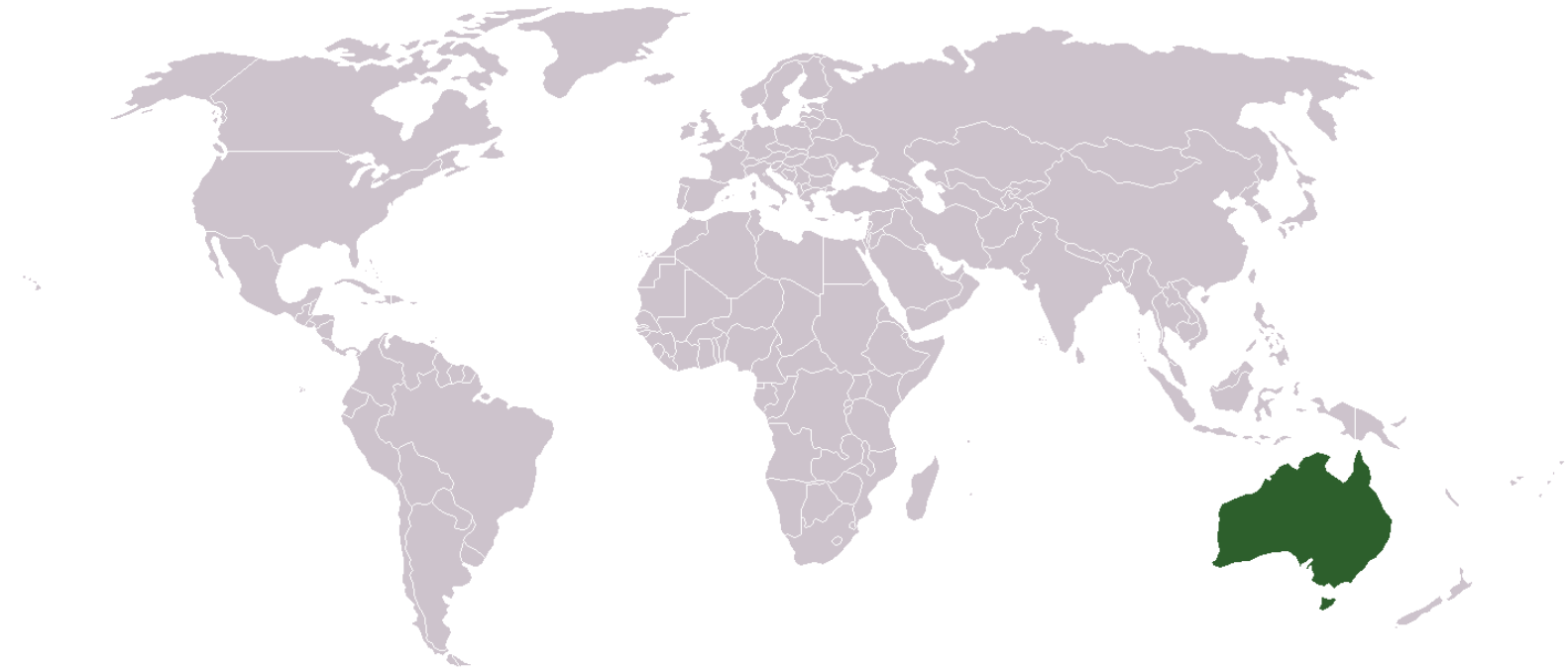
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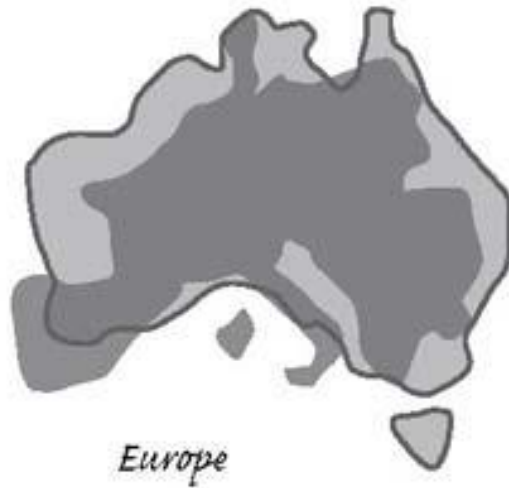
Physical Features to Know

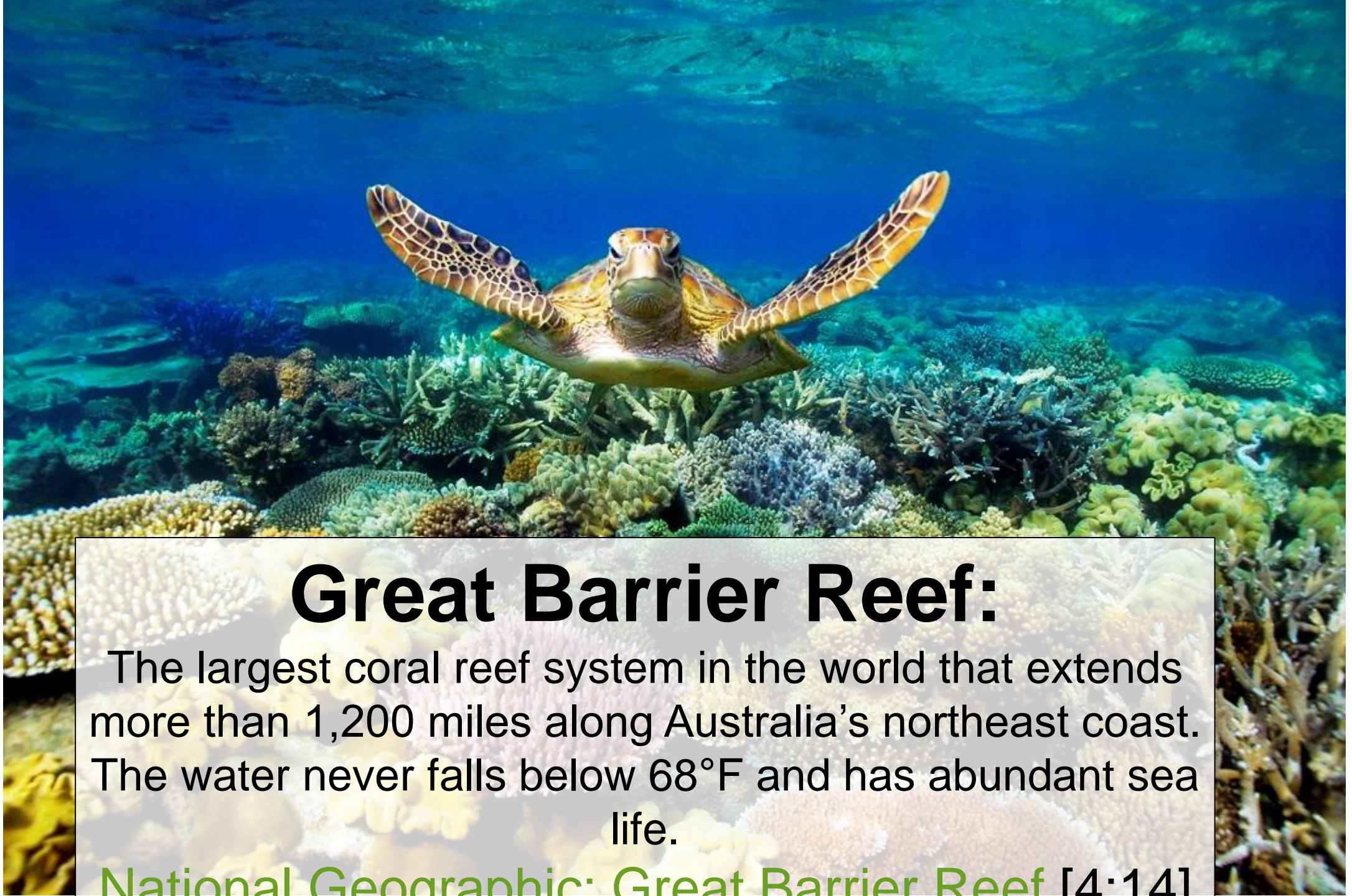
1. Great Barrier Reef
2. Coral Sea
3. Pacific Ocean
4. Indian Ocean
5. Great Victoria Desert
6. Ayers Rock/ Mount Uluru
7. Great Dividing Range

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY



WHERE IS AUSTRALIA
LOCATED? |






Great Barrier Reef:

The largest coral reef system in the world that extends more than 1,200 miles along Australia's northeast coast. The water never falls below 68°F and has abundant sea life.

National Geographic: Great Barrier Reef [4:14]



Coral Sea:
Located off the northeastern
coast of Australia

Ayers Rock (Mount Uluru):

Australia's most famous natural landmark is a red sandstone rock formation in central Australia. It is a sacred site of the Aborigines. Ayers Rock is the name that the English gave to the site, Mount Uluru is what the name used by the Aborigine People.

[Uluri \(Ayers Rock\)](#) [stop at 2:20]



Great Victoria Desert:

The largest desert in Australia named for England's Queen Victoria. It is a barren (bare) area of hills, salt lakes, and grasslands in southern and western Australia.



AUSTRALIA'S LAND & CLIMATE

Deserts cover two-thirds of the island

The interior of the island is mostly dry, flat land called the outback

The most fertile land on the island is near the coast, which has access to plenty of rain and fresh water

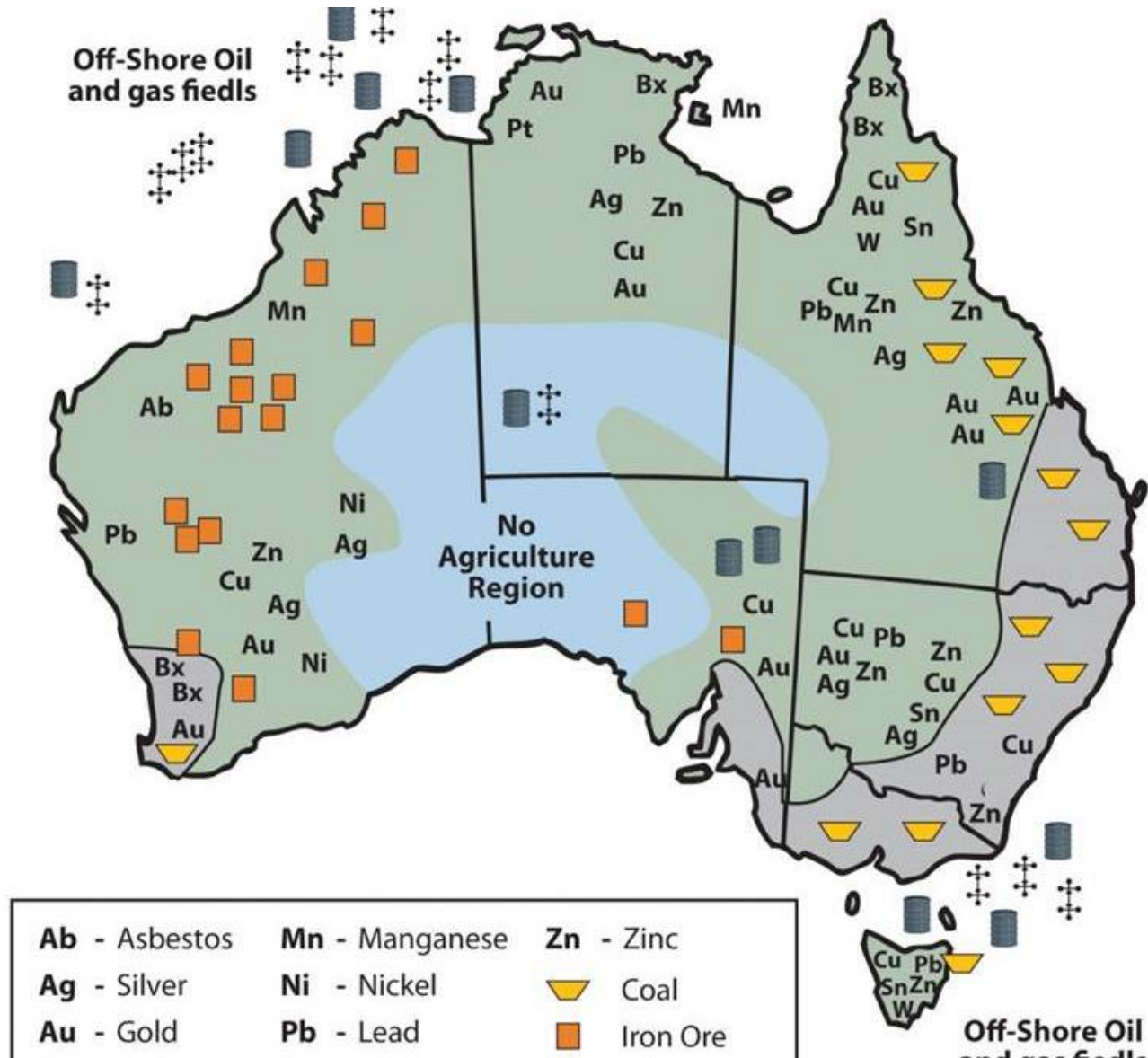
AUSTRALIA'S LAND & CLIMATE PART 2

Summer lasts from Dec-Mar and Winter lasts from June-August

Coastal areas get plenty of rain in the summer and winter while the interior stays dry all year

On the coast temperatures are usually mild while the interior (outback) stays warm during the day and chilly at night

AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL RESOURCES



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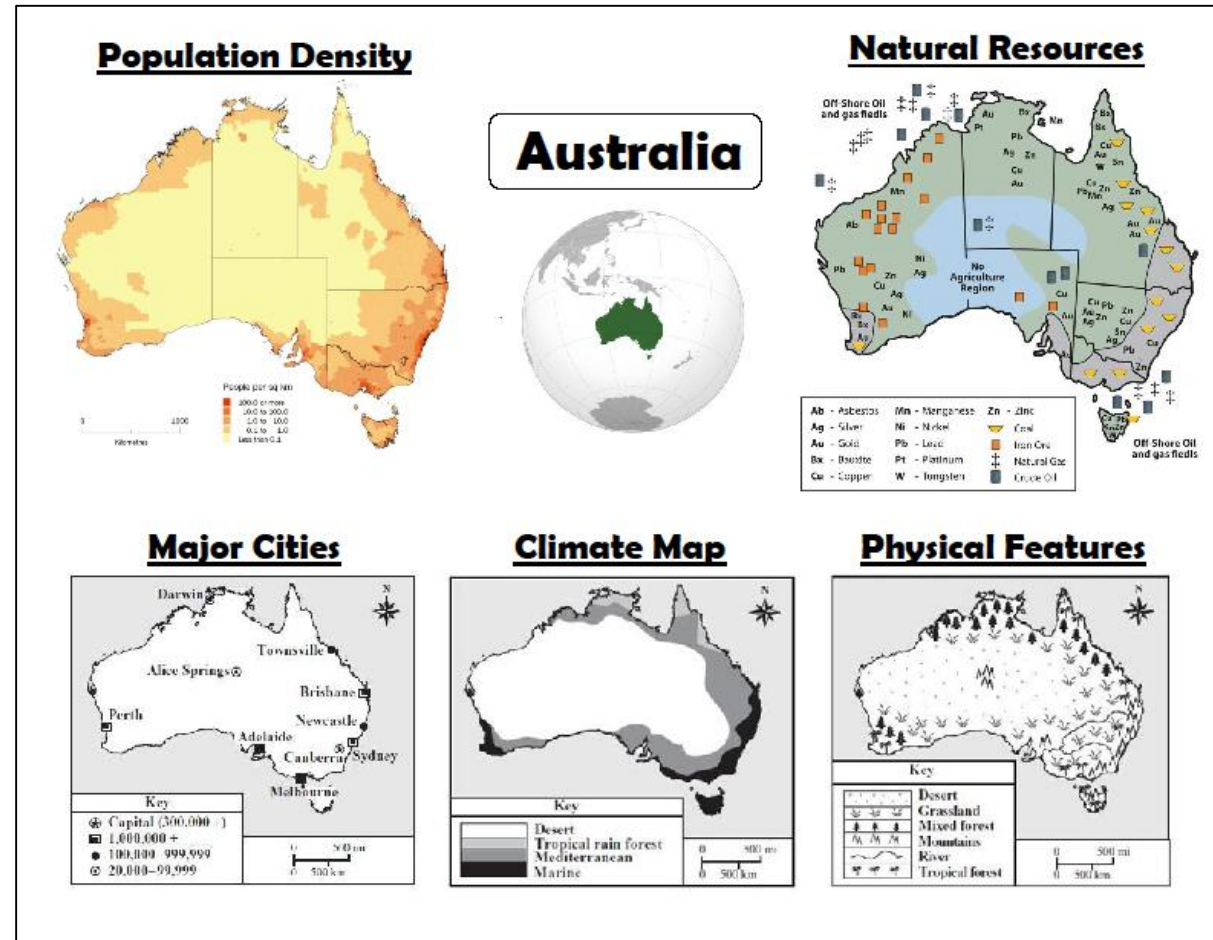
The coastline has many natural resources

One of Australia's largest natural resources is coal, which is burned for energy. Iron ore and gold are other important natural resources

It produces enough coal to provide electricity for its citizens and sells the rest to other countries

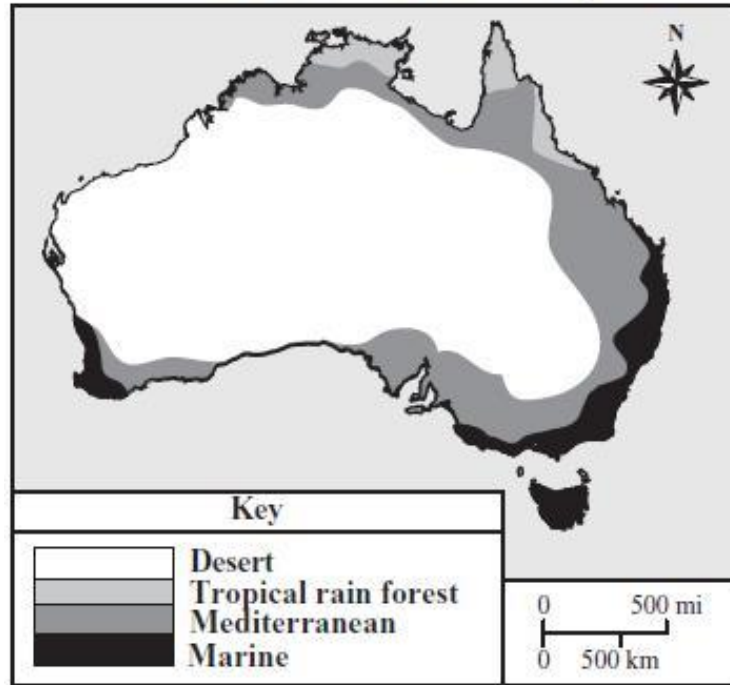
In the outback, there are huge ranches. Many farmers raise sheep that produce wool to export

EXAMINE THE POPULATION DENSITY, NATURAL RESOURCES, CLIMATE AND PHYSICAL FEATURES OF AUSTRALIA.

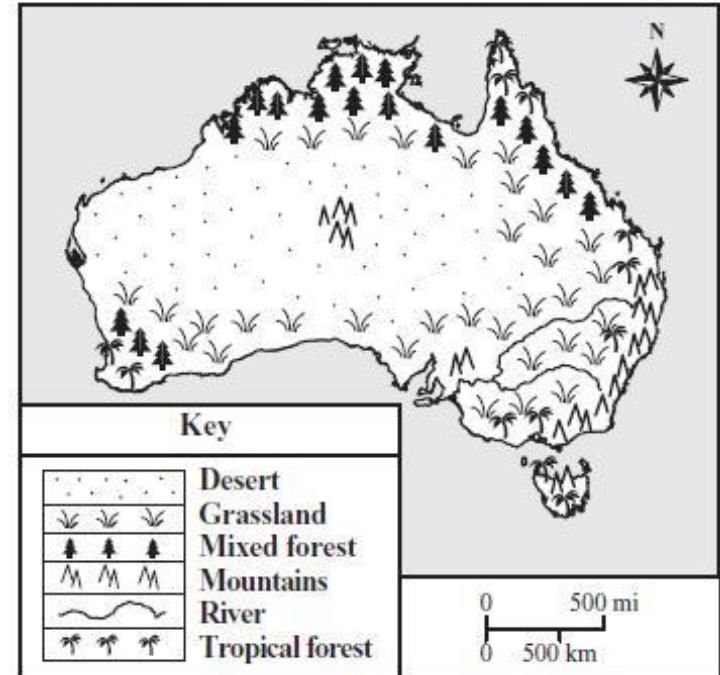


Use the maps to answer questions about Australia.

Australia: Climate Map

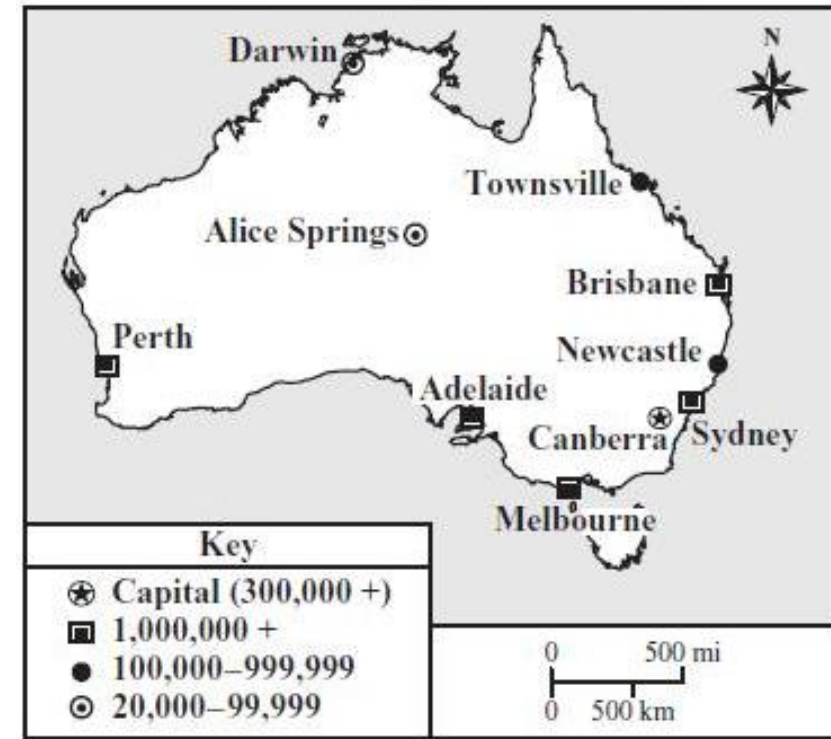
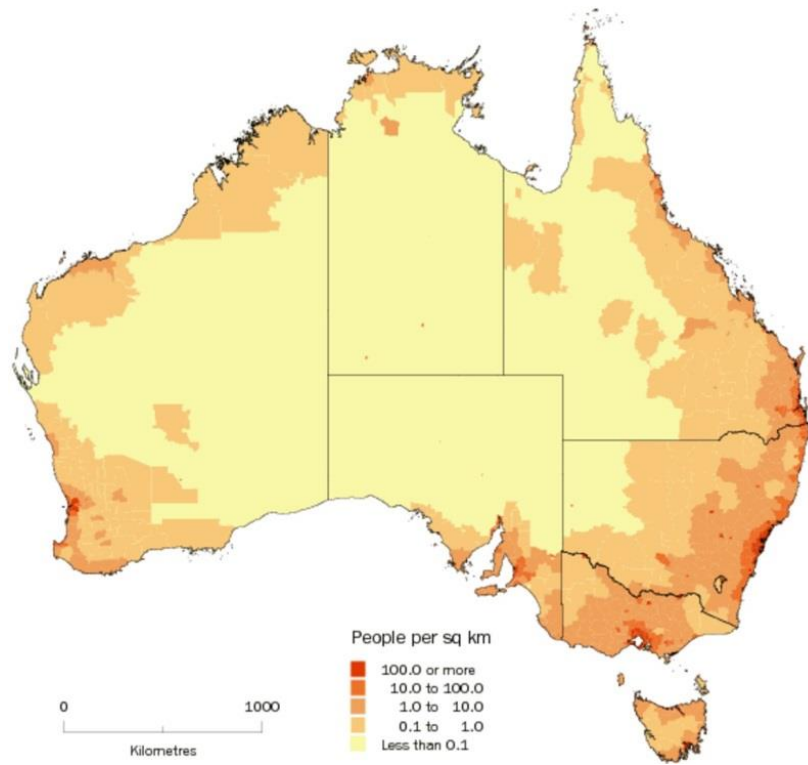


Australia: Physical Features Map

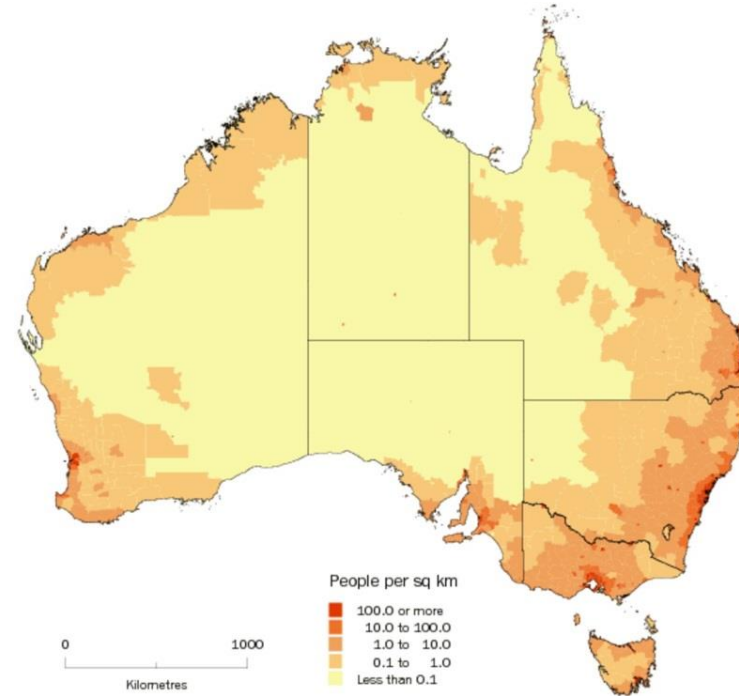


AUSTRALIA'S LAND & CLIMATE



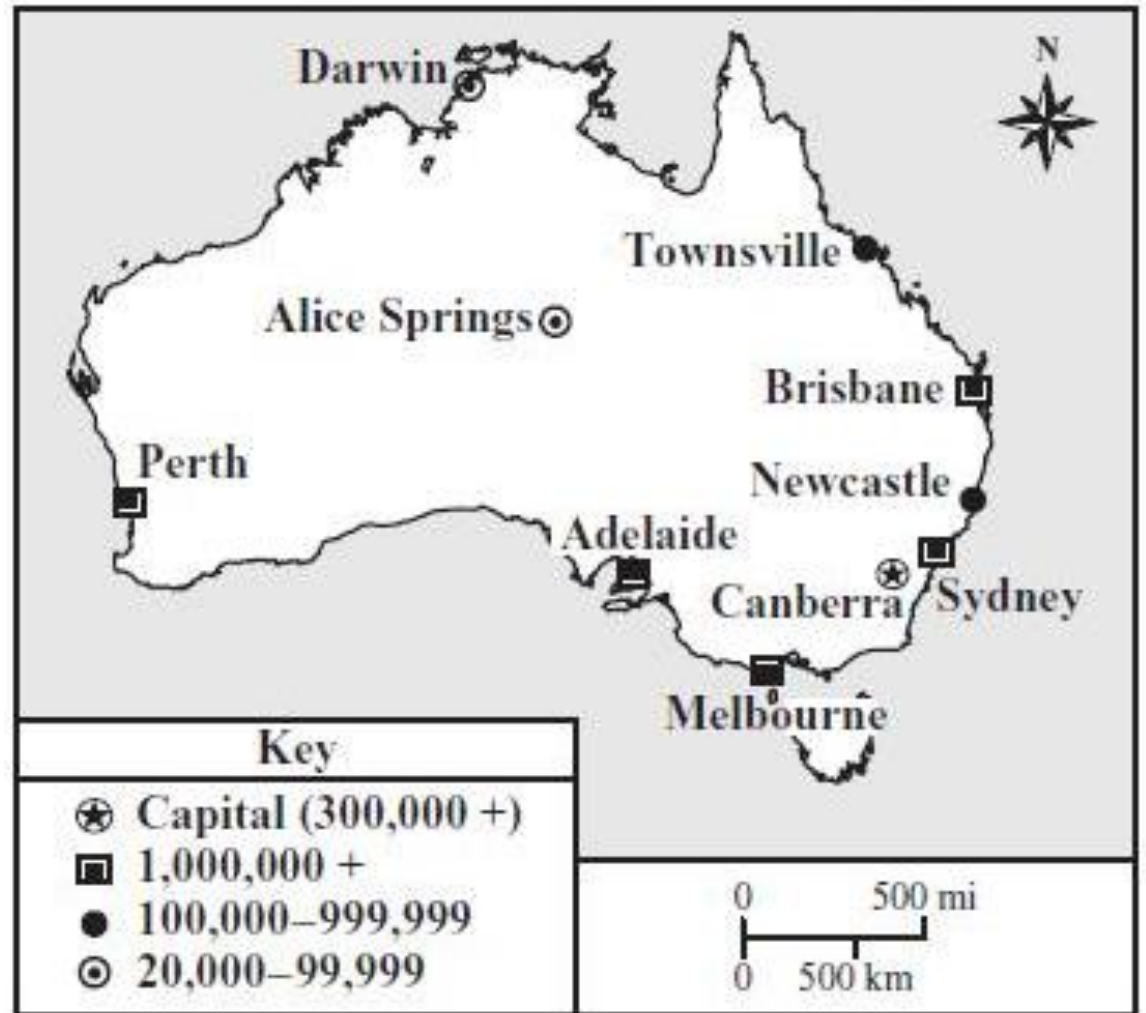


WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE LIVE IN
AUSTRALIA? WHY?

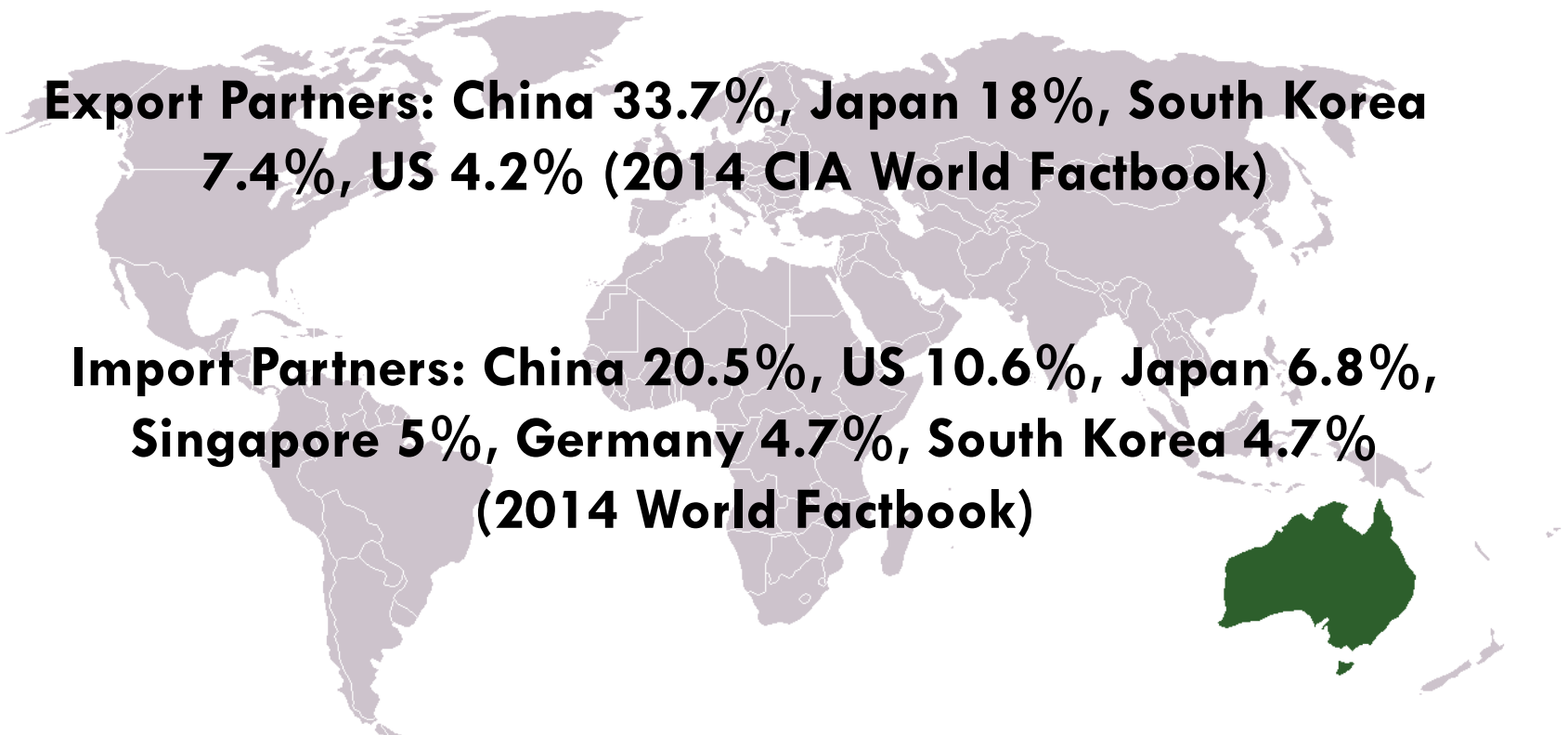


MOST AUSTRALIANS LIVE ALONG THE EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN COASTLINE BECAUSE OF ITS FRESH WATER, FERTILE LAND, AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

**MANY AUSTRALIANS
LIVE IN LARGE COASTAL
TOWNS WHERE THEY
HAVE ACCESS TO LARGE
INDUSTRIES AND
INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESSES.**



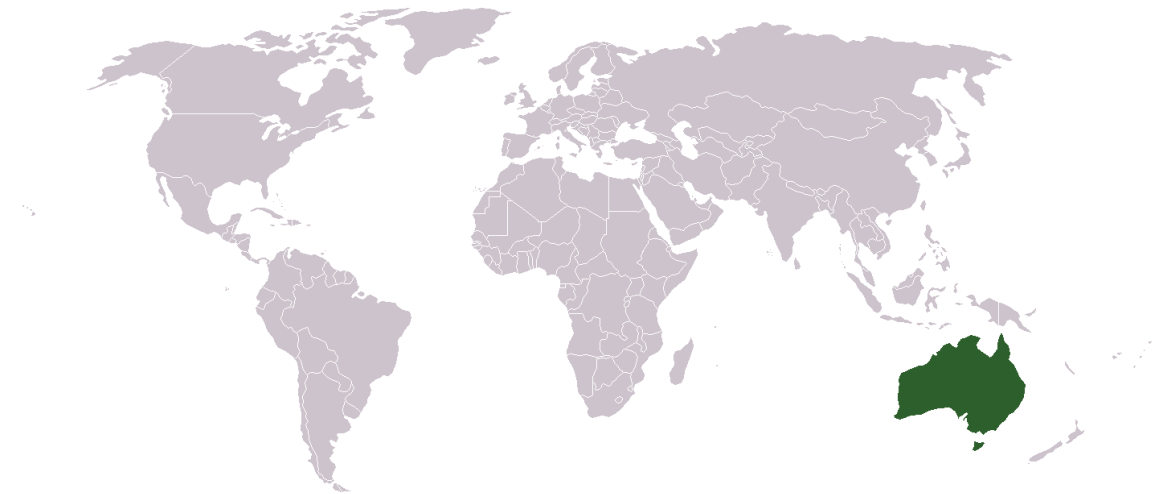
WHO ARE AUSTRALIA'S MAIN TRADING PARTNERS? WHY?



Export Partners: China 33.7%, Japan 18%, South Korea 7.4%, US 4.2% (2014 CIA World Factbook)

Import Partners: China 20.5%, US 10.6%, Japan 6.8%, Singapore 5%, Germany 4.7%, South Korea 4.7% (2014 World Factbook)

**BECAUSE OF AUSTRALIA'S
LOCATION IN THE
SOUTHEAST PACIFIC
OCEAN, ITS MAIN TRADING
PARTNERS ARE CHINA,
JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, AND
OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.**



USE THE FORM TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS...

1. Where do people live in Australia and why? Be sure to list the major cities they live in using the map.
2. Choose ONE: Great Barrier Reef, Victoria Desert, Mount Uluru. Which one are you more interested and why? Use google to research the feature you chose. Write a 3-5 summary describing the importance of that issue. Include the citation for the site you used at the end of your answer.

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