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**Chapter 33: Relative & Absolute Location: What Makes Australia Unique?**

*EQ: How does Australia’s location shape life within its borders?*

**33.1- Introduction**

1. What is absolute location?
2. What is relative location?
3. Who are Australia’s closest neighbors?
4. Where does Australia’s language and culture come from?

**33.2- Geographic Setting**

1. Why is Australia known as “Down Under” to the people who live there?
2. Explain, in detail, the continental drift theory.
3. How much do the continents still move per year today?
4. What is the difference between endangered species and threatened species?

**33.3- A Land Far from Great Britain**

1. How long have Aborigines lived in Australia?
2. How was the Aborigines outlook on the land different from Europeans?
3. What actions did Britain take in 1788 that involved the creation of a new Australian colony?
4. By the time the practice was abolished in 1868, how many convicts had been sent to the colony in Australia?
5. How did the original convicts support themselves?
6. What event led to a flood of “free” settlers coming to Australia?
7. What happened to the Aborigines with the increased number of Europeans coming to Australia?
8. When did Australia gain its independence?
9. Despite their independence, how did Australians maintain their ties to their British past?
10. How many British citizens immigrate to Australia each year?

**33.4- New Relationships with Near Neighbors**

1. What was the purpose of the “white Australia” immigration policy?
2. What was the “dictation test” and how did it limit potential immigrants?
3. When did the above-mentioned immigration policies end?
4. How many immigrants are welcomed to Australia each year today?
5. What is the region of origin (where they come from) for more than half of those immigrants?
6. Which country was originally Australia’s primary trading partner?
7. Since 1950, how did trade change for Australia?

**33.5- Australia’s Reversed Seasons**

1. In what hemisphere will you locate Australia?
2. Which months would be best to vacation there if you were seeking the summer sun in Australia?
3. How does Australia’s reversal of seasons impact fruit availability all over the world throughout the year?

**33.6- Australia’s Amazing Wildlife**

1. Out of the 13 million living species of plants and animals found worldwide, how many can be found in Australia?
2. How did rabbits find their way to Australia?
3. How did rabbits impact the native wildlife in Australia?

**33.7- Living Under an Ozone Hole**

1. Identify the layers of the atmosphere.
2. What is the purpose of the ozone layer?
3. What are UV rays and what impact do they have on humans?
4. What is happening to the ozone layer over the Antarctica?
5. What causes the loss of the ozone layer?
6. What did humanity do to reverse the loss of the ozone layer?
7. In what year do scientists speculate that the ozone hole to completely gone?
8. What are the average cases of skin cancer across the citizens of Australia?
9. What steps are the Australian government taking to decrease the number of new cases of skin cancer?

**33.8- Australia’s Night Sky**

1. How many supernovas has Robert Evans witnessed from Australia?
2. What enabled him to view so many supernovas compared to other astronomers?
3. How does the night sky of the South Pole differ from the night sky of the North Pole?
4. What is the Crux?

**33.9- Beginning to Think Globally**

1. What is the purpose behind the World Conservation Union?
2. How many plants and animals are on the endangered species list since 2008?

**33.10- Global Connections**

1. Using the map on pages 486 and 487, where are the most endangered species located?
2. What do the areas with most of the threatened species have in common?
3. What factors pose the greatest dangers to threatened species?
4. How does relative location affect a species’ chances of survival?