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**Chapter 34: The Pacific Islands- Adapting to Life Surrounded by Ocean**

*EQ: How do people adapt to life in an island region?*

**34.1- Introduction**

1. How much of the Earth’s surface does the Pacific Ocean cover?
2. Which ocean is bigger- the Pacific or the Atlantic?
3. What were the three ways the islands in this area were formed?

**34.2- Geographic Setting**

1. The Pacific islands are characterized into three groups. What are they?
2. How many countries are located in these island groups?
3. What role did glaciers and tectonic plates play in the formation of islands?
4. What islands are examples of a continental island?
5. What islands are examples of volcanic islands?
6. What islands are examples of atolls?

**34.3- The Ocean Shapes Life in the Pacific**

1. What major event took place in the Indian Ocean in 2004?
2. How many people were killed by this event?
3. What are the trade winds?
4. What pattern do ocean waves travel in from the force of the winds impacting the surface of the water?
5. How do ocean currents heat and cool the Earth?
6. What type of climate do the islands near the equator have?
7. For those living in the Pacific islands, what is the most frequent type of natural disaster?
8. What percentage of all fish consumed by humans today comes from the Pacific Ocean?
9. What is the biggest money maker on the various islands?

**34.4- Life on a Continental Island: New Zealand**

1. What country would be considered one of the most isolated countries in the world?
2. What does the name Aotearoa mean?
3. Describe the various physical features of New Zealand.
4. What type of climate does New Zealand have?
5. What two economic activities serve as the foundation of New Zealand’s economy?
6. When it comes to farming, what is the most important farm animal in New Zealand?
7. How many seasons does New Zealand have?

**34.5- Life on a Volcanic Island: Tahiti**

1. Why is Tahiti considered to be a two-part island?
2. What are the two seasons found in Tahiti?
3. What is the second most important resource found in Tahiti?
4. How is a pearl formed?
5. What are the possible colors of pearls?
6. What is a *pareu*?
7. How has housing changed in Tahiti?

**34.6- Life on an Atoll: Kwajalein Island**

1. How do the islanders obtain fresh water on the island?
2. What type of climate does Kwajalein have?
3. Who owns the only cars on the island, as well as all the housing?

**34.7- Beginning to Think Globally**

1. Why is the ocean important to all Pacific islanders?
2. What is the ratio of people who are dependent on fish for protein?

**34.8- Global Connections**

1. What is happening to the world’s fish supply and why?
2. What problem might over-fishing cause?
3. What can be done to prevent overfishing?