Main Idea Activities 31.2

Australia and New Zealand

VOCABULARY Some terms to understand:

- **collision** (723): crash; impact
- **rugged** (723): rough; uneven; rocky
- **pulp** (724): softened wood fibers used to make paper
- **missionaries** (724): followers of a religion who work to spread the message of the religion and attract new followers
- **heritage** (725): background; ancestry
- **shear** (726): cut or clip hair, fur, or wool
- **profit** (727): income left over after expenses have been deducted
- **diversifying** (727): branching out; expanding into different areas; increasing the variety of

CLASSIFYING INFORMATION For each of the following, write the letter of the correct choice in the space provided. Answers may be used more than once.

_____ 1. Has peninsulas with forests and fertile lowlands  
_____ 2. Has active volcanoes, geysers, and hot springs  
_____ 3. Is larger and has higher elevations than the other island  
_____ 4. Sometimes has earthquakes  
_____ 5. Has a mountain range called the Southern Alps  
_____ 6. Has the Canterbury Plains along its east coast  
_____ 7. About 75 percent of New Zealanders live here  
_____ 8. Skiing is very popular at resorts here

EVALUATING INFORMATION Mark each statement T if it is true or F if it is false.

_____ 1. New Zealand is an island country in the South Pacific.  
_____ 2. All of New Zealand has an arid climate.  
_____ 3. New Zealand’s main resource is good land for farming.  
_____ 4. The first people in New Zealand were the Maori, who came from Pacific islands about 1,000 years ago.  
_____ 5. Diseases brought by the Maori killed many European settlers in New Zealand.
6. New Zealand sent soldiers to help the British fight World Wars I and II.
7. Today, most Maori live in cities.
8. New Zealand’s primate city is Christchurch.
9. New Zealand’s organized sports include rugby and cricket.
10. There are more sheep in New Zealand than there are people.
11. New Zealand is the world’s largest producer of kiwi fruit.
12. New Zealand’s only trading partner is Great Britain.

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS For each of the following, write the letter of the best choice in the space provided.

1. The only endemic mammal found in New Zealand is the
   a. koala.
   b. cow.
   c. bat.
   d. wallaby.
2. New Zealand was colonized by
   a. American settlers.
   b. French settlers.
   c. Spanish settlers.
   d. British settlers.
3. What language do most New Zealanders speak?
   a. French
   b. Spanish
   c. Italian
   d. English
4. Maori often greet each other by
   a. pressing their noses together.
   b. giving each other coins.
   c. lifting their hats.
   d. stepping on each other’s toes.
5. What is the capital of New Zealand?
   a. Wellington
   b. Canberra
   c. Auckland
   d. Christchurch
2. East Timor
3. Malay Archipelago
4. Malacca
5. lahars
6. Borneo
7. tropics
8. endemic species
9. Spratly Islands

SECTION 2 ACTIVITIES
Classifying Information
1. b
2. c
3. a
4. a
5. c
6. b

Evaluating Information
1. F
2. T
3. F
4. F
5. T
6. F
7. T
8. T
9. T
10. F
11. F
12. T
13. T
14. T

Understanding Main Ideas
1. a
2. c
3. c
4. d

SECTION 3 ACTIVITIES
Classifying Information
1. c
2. a
3. d
4. b

Evaluating Information
1. F
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. T
7. F
8. T
9. T
10. F
11. F
12. T

Reviewing Facts
1. ASEAN
2. Singapore; Malaysia
3. GDP
4. Brunei
5. wet-rice
6. Indonesia
7. seafood
8. Bali
9. kampongs
10. East Timor

CHAPTER 31
SECTION 1 ACTIVITIES
Organizing Information
Great Dividing Range—Cape York Peninsula to Tasmania, divides the flow of Australia's rivers, Australia's main mountain system; Central Lowlands—Gulf of Carpentaria to Indian Ocean, includes the Great Artesian Basin, contains Australia's lowest point; Western Plateau—covers two thirds of Australia, contains the oldest rocks on the continent, includes Nullarbor Plain

Evaluating Information
1. T
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. T
7. F
8. F
9. T
10. F
11. T
12. T

Reviewing Facts
1. Australia
2. outback
3. marsupials
4. land
5. Aborigines
6. prison
7. Canberra
8. extensive
9. exotic

SECTION 2 ACTIVITIES
Classifying Information
1. a
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. b
6. b
7. a
8. b

Evaluating Information
1. T
2. F
3. T
4. T
5. F
6. T
7. T
8. F
9. T
10. T
11. T
12. F

Understanding Main Ideas
1. c
2. d
3. d
4. a
5. a