

Section 2

# **CLIMATE REGIONS**

# Climates of Australia

- 1/3 \_\_\_\_\_, 1/3 \_\_\_\_\_ - mostly interior
- Northern, eastern, and southwest coasts gets lots of rain
- Northern 1/3 in the \_\_\_\_\_
- Australia's Dry Areas
  - South and central Australia- AVERAGE 8 in. rain/year- can be higher or lower
  - Steppe surrounds desert- farming is possible
    - Rains come in bursts- \_\_\_\_\_
    - Evaporates quickly

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- \_\_\_\_\_ are suited for desert
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - leathery leaves (koala fave) hold water and can withstand floods
  - Other plants have deep roots for \_\_\_\_\_
- Majority of interior- few people
- Lowlands just west of Great Dividing Range-  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Allows people to dig wells and live despite dryness

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- Australia's Other Climate Zones
  - Far north- \_\_\_\_\_ - summer monsoon rains
    - Summer gets hot, winter is nice- high temps but low humidity
  - Northeast coast- humid subtropical- heavy rains, high temps year round
  - Southeast- marine west coast- large \_\_\_\_\_ - warm summers, cool wet winters
  - Southern and western- \_\_\_\_\_ - pleasant temps, ample rainfall for crops

# Climates of Oceania

- New Zealand's Climate
  - Mostly \_\_\_\_\_ - 25-60 in of rain/year
  - Summer highs- 70, winter highs- 50 or higher
  - Year round \_\_\_\_\_ growth for grazing herds- many make their money raising livestock
- Pacific Tropical Climates
  - Almost all smaller islands are in Tropics- \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rainfall is seasonal- affected by \_\_\_\_\_  
high islands get more rain and stay cool (more  
vegetation and farming), low islands get less rain and  
stay warmer (few plants- coconuts a  
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# The Climate of Antarctica

- It's \_\_\_\_\_ - summer highs- (-4) to (-31), winter lows (-129)
- \_\_\_\_\_+150mph
- Uninhabited except \_\_\_\_\_from short periods
- Antarctica is a \_\_\_\_\_ - low rainfall- air is too dry
- Covered in ice
- \_\_\_\_\_ and marine mammals
- \_\_\_\_\_grow on rocky coasts