

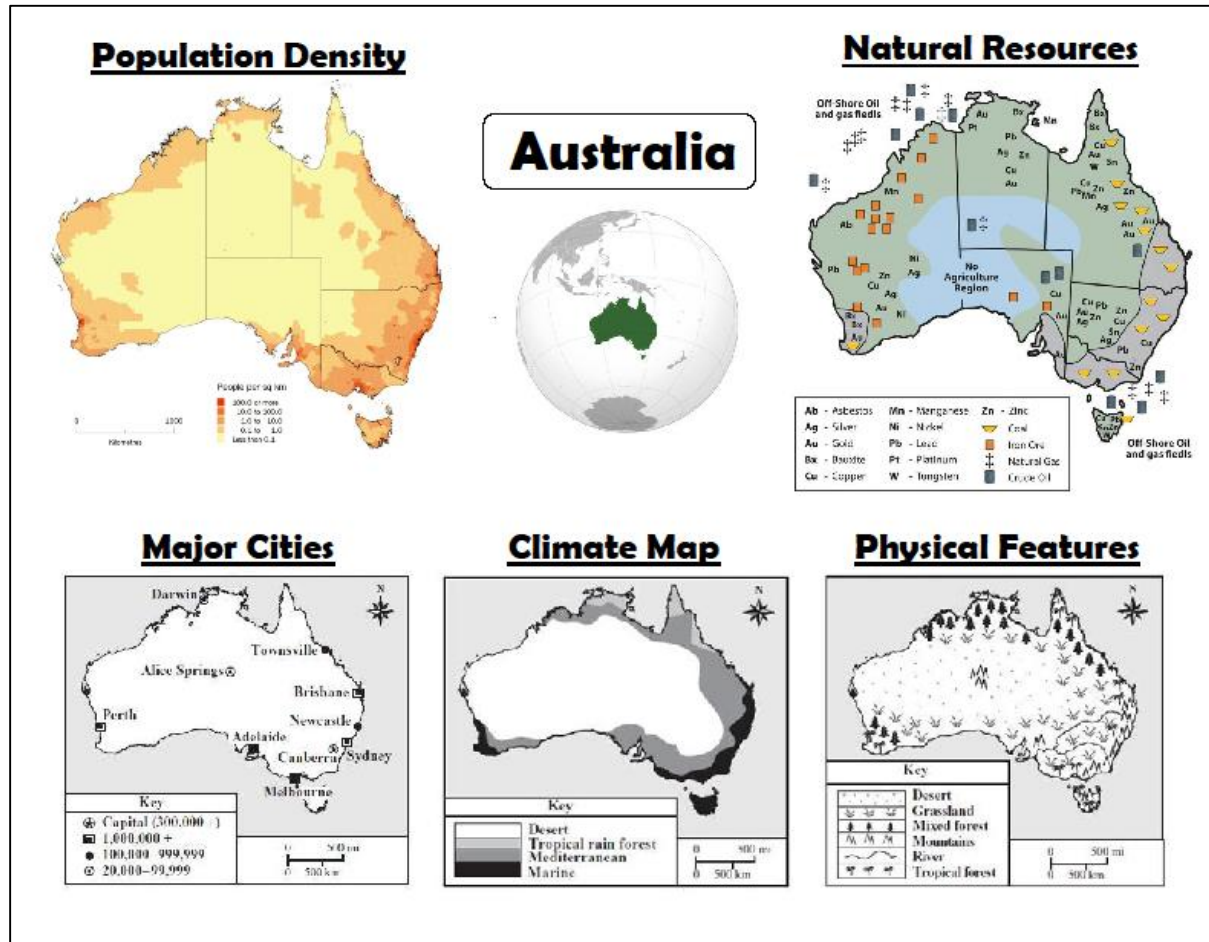
How do location, climate, and natural resources affect people in Australia?

Standard(s):

SS6G13a. Describe how Australia's location, climate, and natural resources have affected where people live.

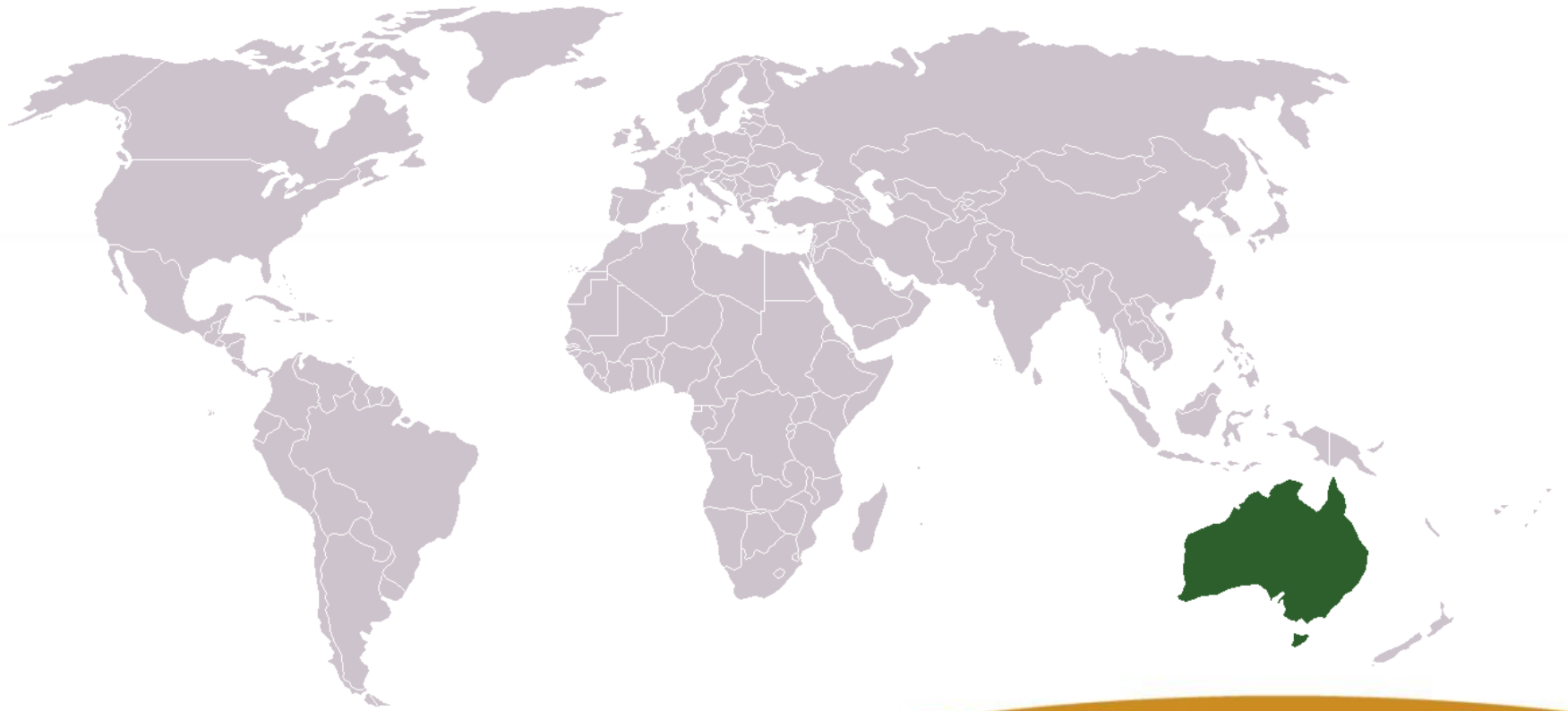
SS6G13b. Describe how Australia's location, climate, and natural resources impact trade.

Examine the population density, natural resources, climate and physical features of Australia.



Use the maps to answer questions about Australia.

Australia



Use your graphic organizer to summarize the important information from the lesson.

Australia's Location, Climate, and Natural Resources Name _____ Date _____ Period ____

Land and Climate

Natural Resources

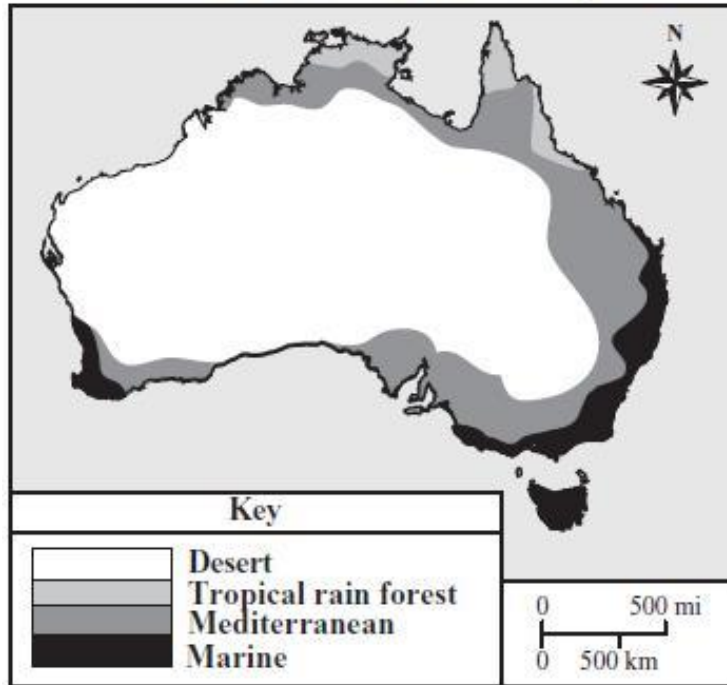
Australia

Where People Live? Why?

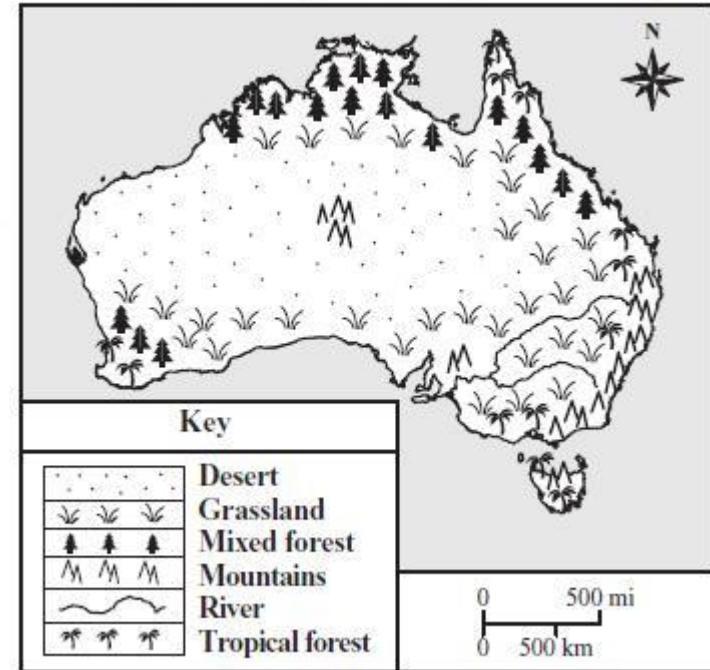
Impact on Trade

Australia's Land & Climate

Australia: Climate Map



Australia: Physical Features Map



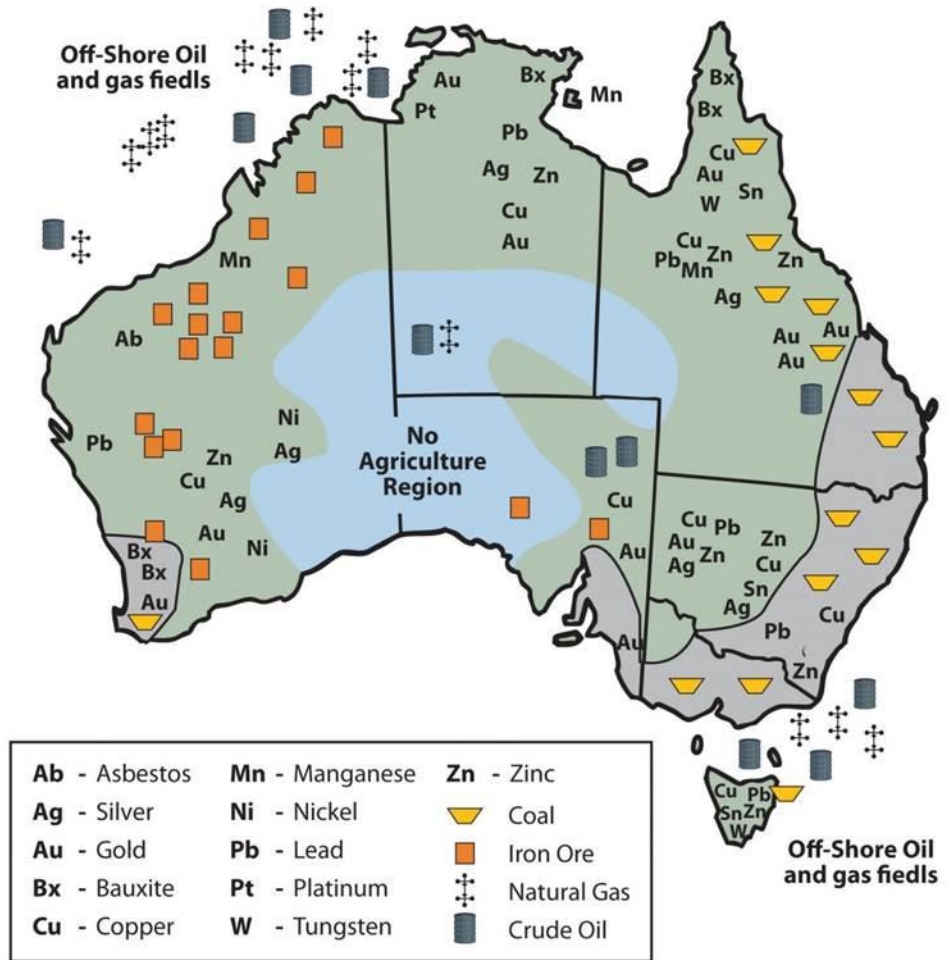
Australia's Land & Climate

- 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

- 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

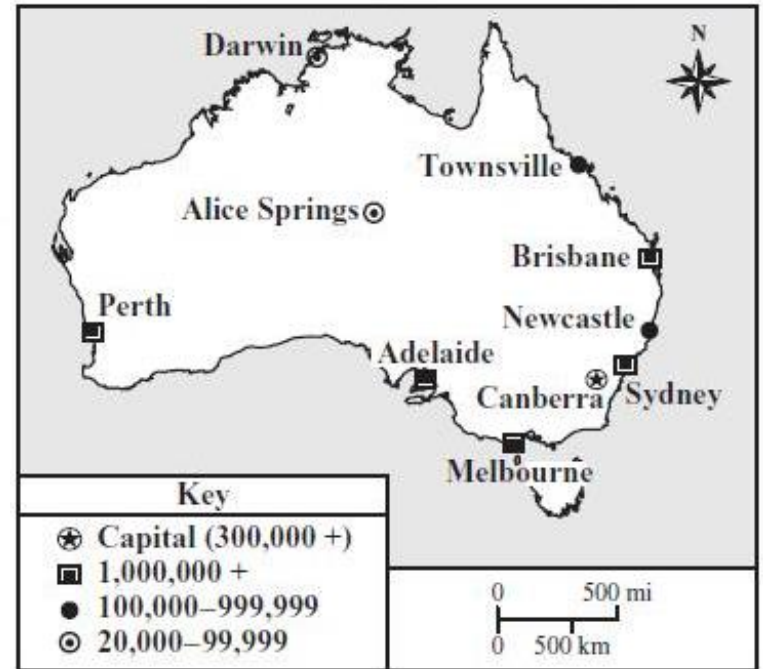
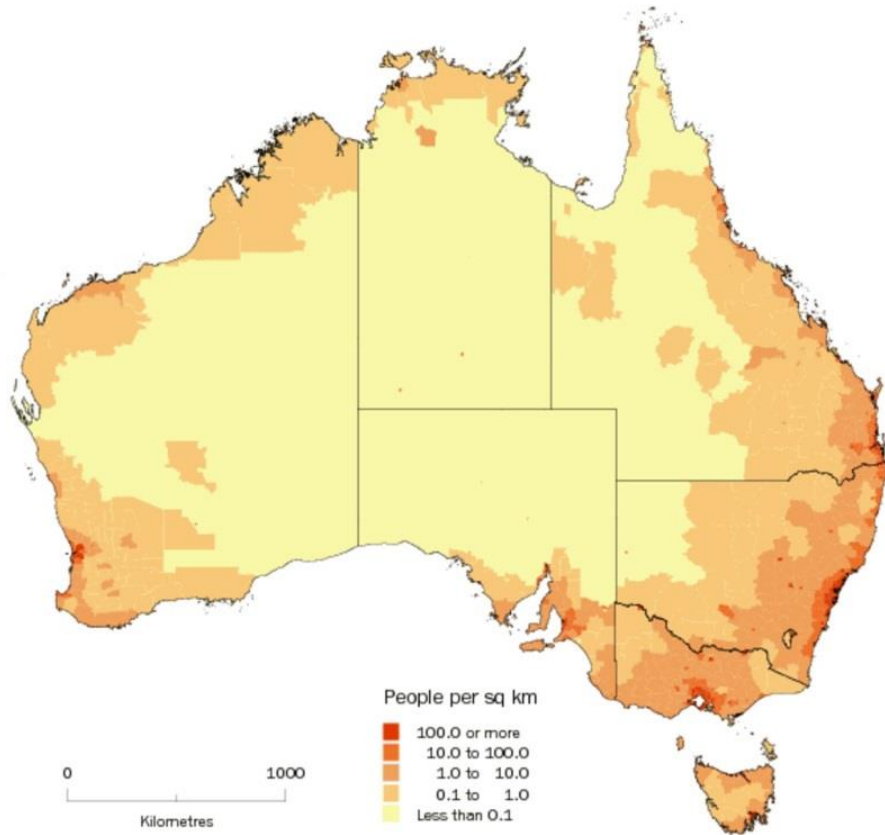


Australia's Natural Resources

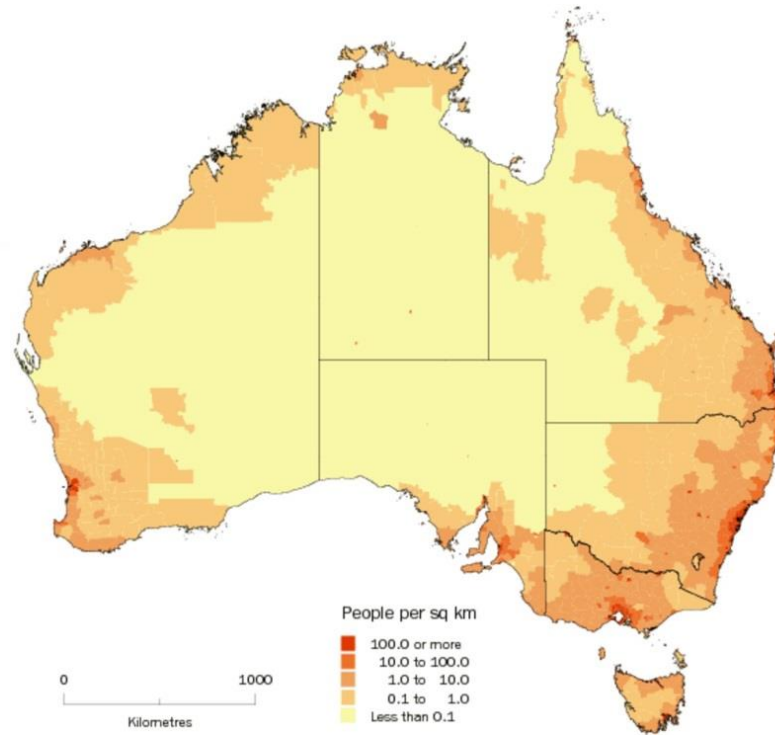
- The coastline has many natural resources
- One of Australia's largest natural resources is coal, which is burned for energy. Iron ore and gold are other important natural resources
- It produces enough coal to provide electricity for its citizens and sells the rest to other countries
- In the outback, there are huge ranches. Many farmers raise sheep that produce wool to export



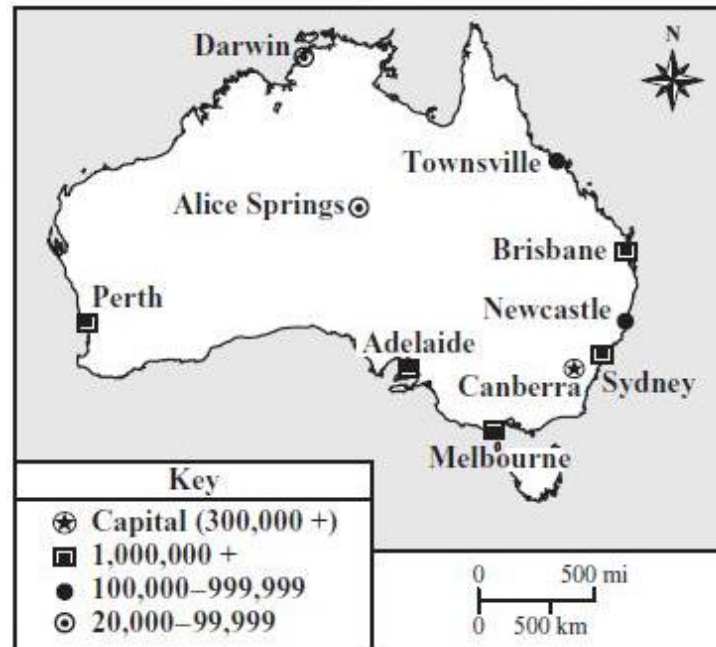
Where do most people live in Australia? Why?



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.



How does Australia's location impact its trade?



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.

