

Name _____

Date Due Friday, 3/9

Australia



Read the paragraph for background information. Then use the map to answer the questions.

Did you know? Australia is the smallest of the continents. Because Australia is so far from other large land masses, it has some very unique animals. It has the only egg-laying mammals in the world. Australia is the only country that does not have to share its continent with any other country. This does provide some political advantages.

1. What is the approximate location in latitude and longitude of Mount Isa? _____
2. Which city sits exactly on the Tropic of Capricorn and is nearest to 150°E? _____
3. You are driving through the sparsely populated Wiluna in western Australia when you realize you can only go about another 350 mi (482 km) on the gas you have left. Do you head to Geraldton or Kalgoorlie? Why?

4. Which city is NE of Port Lincoln? _____
5. What highway connects the three cities of Tasmania? _____
6. What is the approximate distance from Mount Isa to Rockhampton? _____
7. What is the capital city of Australia? _____
8. Based on what you know about people and their needs, which part of Australia is more likely to be a desert: Western Australia or New South Wales? On what do you base your hypothesis?

9. If you drive from Hyden to Fremantle, in which direction will you be traveling? _____
10. If driving directly to Katherine from Toowoomba, what highways would you take? Include directional abbreviations (e.g., Hwy 1N).

