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16. What are the official languages of each country?

Canada: _____ Australia: _____

Why: _____ Why: _____

17. In which country would you more likely find a bilingual citizen? Why?

18. How did Canada achieve independence from Great Britain?

19. Who were the first people in Australia?

What were they like?

From where did they originally come?

What type of economy did they have?

20. Describe the first English colony of Australia.

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Geography

1. Both Canada and Australia have a high literacy rate—how does that affect their economies?
High literacy rate means the people are more skilled and better educated... meaning they are able to work higher paying jobs... which means they have more money to spend and put back into the raising the country's GDP... the higher the GDP- the better the country's economy!
3. How is climate related to where people live in Australia and Canada?
Northern Canada is super cold and has a rural population, whereas the border- where it is a little warmer and has seasons- is where the most dense population and the urban areas are. In Australia, the outback is super dry and desert-like— here is where the rural places are. However, on the coast (eastern) are the main cities. People in both countries live mostly on the coast (nice beach air), and on the eastern side.
4. Explain all of the reasons why the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River are important to Canada?
TRADE!!! They are basically like the superhighway for all of the items that Canada and the USA import and export. Large cargo ships can navigate well through these areas and they help supplies get into the interior of both countries easily. On the other hand, they are very polluted because of the cargo ships and trade traffic. This is the major freshwater supply and can mean sickness for the people, plants, and animals using this water if it is polluted.
5. Why is the United States Canada's largest trading partner?
They are attached as part of the same continent, so location is a big factor. They are also both part of the NAFTA trade agreement where they have to share and cooperate.

Economics

6. How do natural resources and human resources affect economic growth?
Natural Resources are typically the source of a country's exports—how they can make their money in trade with other countries. The more is sold in exports = the more money for the GDP. Human Resources are the employees and workers in the country. The more skilled they are, the better they are as workers= better quality products/ services sold! Also, the human resources get paid money based on the skill level of their job then they turn around and spend that money in their country. When money is spent, it raises the GDP and helps the economy.
7. Canada, the USA, and Mexico are all members of what economic agreement?
NAFTA (North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement) → no trade barriers or taxes between its members.
What types of trade barriers does this agreement prevent from occurring?
*Taxes (added costs) and Tariffs
Embargos (withholding relations or trade of any kind between the members)
Quotas (limiting the amount of products)
**CAN have businesses run by another member in their country (for instance, Mexico having a USA owned Walmart.)*
8. Canada and Australia both have what type of economic system? Explain this...
Market Economy. The citizens (Consumers), entrepreneurs, and supply and demand determine the process and answer the 3 economic questions of what to produce, how to produce it and how much to charge, and who is going to buy the products. The government does not have that much power over what is bought and sold, only over some regulations (like food and drugs) and business permits.
9. How does the Canadian Shield affect Canada's economy?
It is where the most valuable resources in Canada are. These resources are sold as exports= raising the GDP/ economy for the country.

Government

10. What are 3 similarities between the governments of Canada and Australia? What are 3 differences?

Just for Canada

Both (SIMILARITIES)

Just for Australia

Location (NW hemis.)

Members of British Commonwealth

Location (SE Hemis.)

Water Pollution issues

Market Economy

Coral Reef (*Tourism)

Climate (cool-cold)

English and colonized by UK

Climate (warm- hot)

High literacy rate and SOL
Native cultures still exist today

11. What role does the queen play in both governments?
Both are in the Commonwealth of Nations (similar to the European Union) where the Queen is the head leader. Her power is basically ceremonial, but she works as a way to tie the 2 countries (Canada and Australia) together with the UK today. Each country has a prime minister and is under a parliamentary democracy. These groups work with the Queen and the other prime ministers involved in the commonwealth's group of member countries.
- History
12. How is Quebec different from the rest of Canada? Why is it this way?
It was colonized by France, instead of England, and the citizens there therefore speak French as the primary language. It is a bilingual country in that English is still accepted and used. The province runs things like France and would rather be tied to France than to the British Commonwealth, so they seek to be separate (separatists).
13. Describe the independence movement of Canada.
Tied of Great Brittan ruling them, yet being a half a world away! They were granted their independence and were then only loosely controlled by Great Brittan through the Common Wealth. In 1982, they got their full independence and became their own separate government.
14. Why did the indigenous groups of Australia and Canada die out?
Diseases from the Europeans! Forced to move off of their land. Attacked by more powerful weapons.
15. Who colonized Canada? Who colonized Australia?
England (UK) colonized both continents. However, France controlled the area of Quebec inside Canada.
16. What are the official languages of each country?
Canada: English & France (in Quebec) Australia: English
Why: Colonized by England (English) and Quebec by France (French)
17. In which country would you more likely find a bilingual citizen? Why?
Canada— especially the eastern side near and in Quebec... Quebec is bilingual.
18. How did Canada achieve independence from Great Britain?
In 1867, the British parliament created the Dominion of Canada. This meant the Canada was an independent self-governing nation, but still part of the British Empire. But they did not gain full independence until 1931. England still had a strong influence after that as Canada was still in the British Commonwealth.
19. Who were the first people in Australia?
Aborigines
What were they like?
They had a traditional economy without a government (leadership), and were (and still are) very spiritual people (dreamtime). They lived in groups/ families and were nomadic (travelers without a stable home). Though they looked and acted the same, they spoke many different languages (200) and lived in separate groups based on those languages.
From where did they originally come?
Originally came from Africa... then traveled through Asia... then into the area of Australia prior to the ice age melting and continents separating.
What type of economy did they have?
Traditional... with no government control
20. Describe the first English colony of Australia.
It was a penal colony (prison colony) where the worst prisoners and those the British wanted to exile were sent to get the colony ready for settlers. It was settled after the American Revolution (where Brittan had lost what is now the USA) and it was the last colony to be found.