Region 8: Oceania and Australia

Economic Characteristics Australia and New Zealand - Developed (GDP, Lit. Rate, Life Expectancy)

Great emphasis on primary activities (ranching, mining)

Dry climate well suited for cattle & sheep herding

Remote areas of the region rely on air & water transportation

Environmental unbalance due to Introduction of non-native species

Continents/Nations to Know:

- Australia
- New Zealand
- •Papua New Guinea

Cities to Know: Sydney, Melbourne

Map Features: Indian Ocean Pacific Ocean Great Barrier Reef Great Dividing Range Australian Outback Ayers Rock

Pacific Islands (Volcanic, coral, and continental)

Australia & NZ populations live primarily along the coasts

Cultures reflect a mixture of indigenous & Euro. heritage

Pacific Islands sparsely populated