Answers Key

Europe

Through colonization, at one time ruled almost all of the rest of the world. Has been the starting point of both World Wars.

Africa

Has the world's longest river (The Nile).
Has the world's largest desert (The Sahahra).
Has more countries than any other continent.
Most of the world's gold and diamonds come from Africa.

Antarctica

Is the only continent completely covered in ice.
Is the only continent that is uninhabited by humans (although some scientists live there for short periods of time).

Asia

Has the world's biggest nation China
Has the highest point on Earth Mt. Everest.

North America

Is joined to Asia by ice in winter (Bering Sea).
Contains the world's tallest mountain (Mount Kea).
Contains the world's largest fresh water lake (Lake Superior).

Australia

Contains the fewest countries (Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea)
Has more sheep than people.
Is the only continent that lies entirely in the Southern and Eastern Hemispheres.

South America

Contains the world's Southern most city (Puentas Arenas).
Contains the world's largest river system (The Amazon).
1. Which two continents have the largest areas with really hot weather all of the time? (South America and Africa)

2. If you wanted to live in a place where the weather is always mild, which continents could you choose from? (North America, South America, Africa, Australia)

3. If you really liked cold winters and didn't like hot summers, on which continents could you find a suitable place to live? (North America, South America, Europe, Asia)

4. What is the weather like in Antarctica? Where else is the weather like this? (it's always cold in Antarctica; it's also like this in the interior of Greenland)

5. What's the climate like where you live, according to what you have learned? Do you agree with what this map says about your home area? Why or why not?