

# Guided Reading Activity



## Oceania

### Lesson 2 *History and People of Oceania*

**Essential Question:** What makes a culture unique?

### History of Oceania

**Directions:** Use your textbook to decide if each statement is true or false. Write *T* or *F* in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Historians believe that the first settlers to Oceania probably came from Europe.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The first settlers to Oceania likely navigated by observing the sun, the stars, and ocean currents and swells.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Europeans began to colonize the islands of Oceania in the 1600s.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4. The islands of Oceania were convenient places for Europeans to buy the ships they needed to cross the Pacific Ocean.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Many countries in Oceania have agreements with foreign governments in which they exchange the use of their land for protection and economic aid.

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# Guided Reading Activity *cont.*



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### The People of Oceania

**Directions:** As you read the section, answer these questions about the people and population of Oceania.

1. What is the total population of Papua New Guinea? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What percentage of the population of Papua New Guinea is made up by Native New Guinea Papuans? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many languages do experts believe are spoken in Papua New Guinea?  
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4. What is a pidgin language? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What percentage of the population of Papua New Guinea lives in urban areas? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What are some examples of Polynesian traditions? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What are some examples of Micronesian traditions? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What were Melanesian people known for that other cultures in Oceania were not? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What are *fales*? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Why is maintaining traditional cultures important to the people of Oceania?  
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