

## India

India is our country. India is known as the Land of **unity in diversity** as people from different religions, languages, cultures live united. India has 29 states and 7 union territories. New Delhi is the capital of India. India has several historical monuments. **Taj Mahal** is one such monument. It is situated in Agra on the banks of river Yamuna. Taj Mahal is built completely using white marble stones. This most beautiful monument is recognised as one of the seven wonders of the world.

Taj Mahal



Sanchi Stupa



GangaiKonda Cholapuram



St George Fort





Some other historic monuments in India include **India Gate** in Delhi, **Sanchi Stupa** near Bhopal, **Gateway of India** in Mumbai, **St George Fort** and **GangaiKonda Cholapuram** in Tamil Nadu.

Gateway of India



India Gate



### ACTIVITY

Let us Paste



Collect and paste pictures of seven wonders of the world.



# Africa

Africa is the second largest continent of the seven continents of the world, The world's longest river the **Nile** and the world's largest desert the **Sahara**, both are home in Africa. More than 50% of the world's **gold** and **diamonds** come from the mineral rich continent of Africa.

Sahara



Nile River

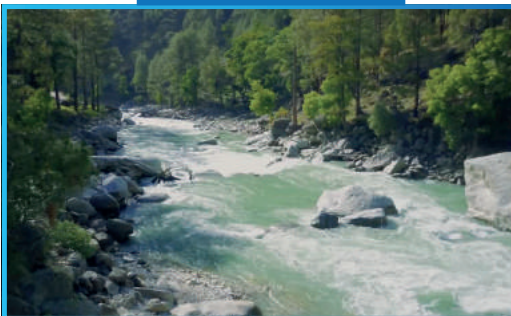


Think



Is it correct to pollute our rivers?

Clean River



Polluted River







The continent was uninhabitable (Not fit for habitation) and remained unknown for thousands of years, earning it the name of 'Dark Continent'

Some countries in African continent are: **Sudan, Libya, Egypt, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and Guinea.**

## North America

North America is entirely within the Northern Hemisphere. North America is the third largest continent by area, following Asia and Africa. The largest fresh water lake, **Lake Superior** is located in this continent. **The Mississippi - Missouri**, is one of the longest river located in North America. The **United States of America (USA)** is a part of North America.

New York (USA)



Ottawa, Canada





North America is the only continent in the world that has **all climatic types**.

Some countries in North American continent are: **Canada, Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama** and **Costa Rica**.

## South America

South America is located mostly in the Southern Hemisphere, with a relatively small portion in the Northern Hemisphere. The world's largest river which is also the second longest is the **Amazon river** in South America. **Brazil** a country in South America is one of the largest coffee producer in the world. **The Andes** is one of the longest mountain range in South America. **Andes** is an example of fold mountain. **Mt. Aconcagua** is the highest peak in the **Andes**. One of the highest volcanoes of the world, **Mt. Cotopaxi** is found in this continent.



The **Amazon rainforest** covers most of the Amazon Basin in South America.



Andes



Mt. Cotopaxi



Some countries in South American continent are **Argentina**, **Bolivia**, **Brazil**, **Colombia**, **Ecuador**, **Paraguay**, **Peru**, **Uruguay** and **Venezuela**.



### ACTIVITY

Let us write



- Write the name of the country and its continent in the table below.

Country	Continent

# Antarctica

Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth. It is also called the **White Continent** or the **Frozen Continent**. Antarctica experiences half a year of sun light and half a year of complete darkness. Penguins are found in Antarctica. There are only permanent research stations from different countries can be found there.

Penguins in Antarctica.



# Europe

**Europe** and **Asia** are parts of the same major landmass. Europe is separated from Asia by the Ural mountains and the Caspian Sea. The world's smallest country, the **Vatican City**, is in Europe. The **Volga** is one of the longest rivers in Europe.



**Finland**, in Europe, is called the '**Land of Lakes**' because melting ice sheets have created a lot of lakes here.



Some countries in European continent are:  
**France, Spain, United Kingdom, Germany,  
Norway, Austria, Greece, Spain, Portugal  
and Italy.**



**Vatican City ( Italy)**



**London (England)**



**Russia**, the country stretches over a vast expanse of Eastern Europe and Northern Asia.



Ukraine's Steppe region is called the **Bread Basket of Europe** because it produces a large amount of wheat.

**Think**



Which state is called the **Bread Basket of India?**



# Australia

Australia is an Island continent covered with unique landscapes and natural wonders. **The Great Barrier Reef**, the pride and joy of Australia is made up of nearly 2,500 individual reefs and visible from space. Australia includes the islands of **Tasmania** and **numerous small islands**.

The Great Barrier Reef



Kangaroo



## Glossary

**Civilisation** : A society in an advanced state of social development.

**Island** : A piece of land surrounded by water.

**Monument** : A building that is of historical importance and preserved as public property.



## Recap

- Earth has seven continents. Each of these seven continents is divided into countries.
- The names of the seven continents of the world are: **Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia.**

## EVALUATION



### I. Choose the correct answer.

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ continents in the world.  
a) Five                      b) Seven                      c) Nine
- The largest continents is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Africa                      b) Asia                      c) North America
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the longest river in the world.  
a) Kaveri                      b) Ganga                      c) Nile
- Lake Superior is located in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) North America                      b) Australia                      c) Europe
- Penguins are found in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Asia                      b) Antarctica                      c) Africa



### II. Match the following.

1	Asia	Vatican city
2	Africa	Amazon forest
3	Europe	Sahara desert
4	South America	Kangaroo
5	Australia	Biggest continent

### III. True or False.

- Asia is the third largest continent. ( )
- India has one of the seven wonders of the world. ( )
- Brazil is one of the largest coffee producer in the world. ( )
- The great barrier reef is in India. ( )
- Antarctica has half year of light. ( )



#### IV. Answer the following.

1. Name the continents.
2. Where is the Taj Mahal located?
3. Describe North America's important features.
4. Where is the Great Barrier Reef located?
5. Which continent is called the Frozen continent?

#### V. Answer the following in detail.

1. Write a short note on any two continents.
2. Write a note on the monuments of India.
3. Give a detail study of Australia.



**FUN WITH  
ACTIVITY**



### PROJECT:



Stick the flags of any five countries.

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