

Antarctica Geography Printables

In this mini packet, you will find printables to help in learning more about the continent of Antarctica. Included is a flag coloring sheet, a flag information sheet, continent fact sheet, and a continent labeling page.

Have fun creating a learning notebook with your child as you learn more about world geography, and find additional learning ideas for the continent of Antarctica in the following posts:

http://www.homeschoolcreations.net/antarctica-learning-about-shackleton/ http://www.homeschoolcreations.net/to-bottom-of-earth-antarctica-for-kids/ http://www.homeschoolcreations.net/antarctica-week-2/

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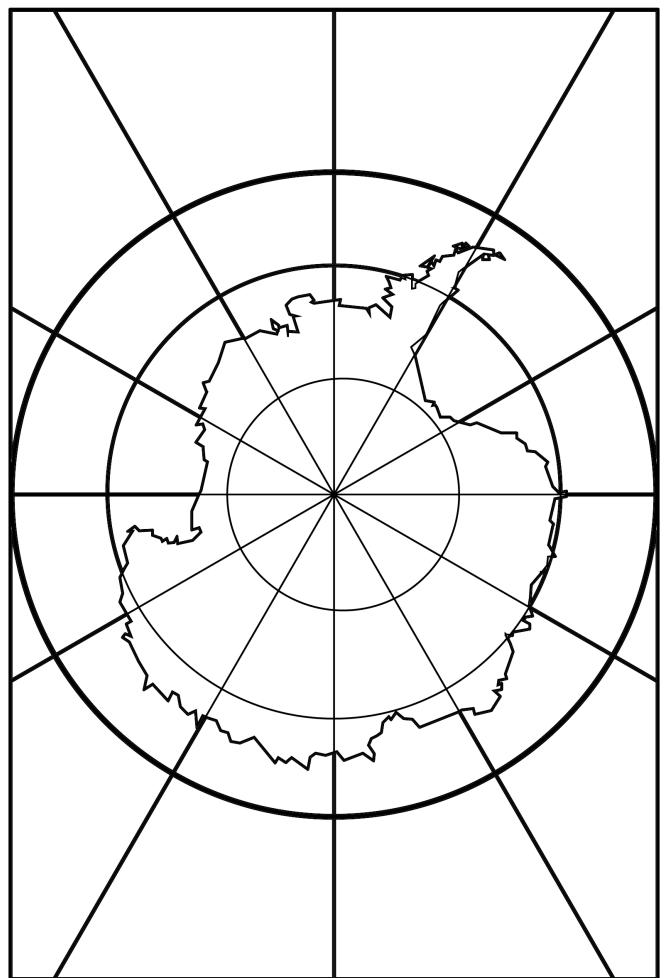
Mapping Antarctica



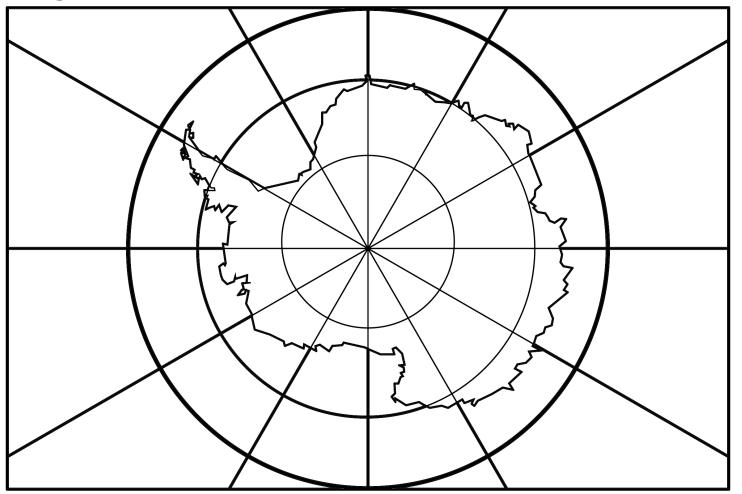
Using an atlas or other resource, find and label the following on the map of Antarctica.

- 1. Find and label the South Pole with a star.
- 2. Find and label the Southern Ocean.
- 3. Use triangles to show the Transantarctic Mountain range.
- 4. Label Mount Vinson with a red triangle.
- 5. Find and label the Weddell Sea.
- 6. Find and label the Ross Sea.
- 7. Find and label the Antarctic Peninsula.
- 8. Outline the Ronne Ice Shelf and shade it gray.
- 9. Outline the Ross Ice Shelf and shade it orange.
- 10. Trace the Prime Meridan's path using a dotted line.
- 11. Find and label the location of the McMurdo Station.

Flag of Antarctica



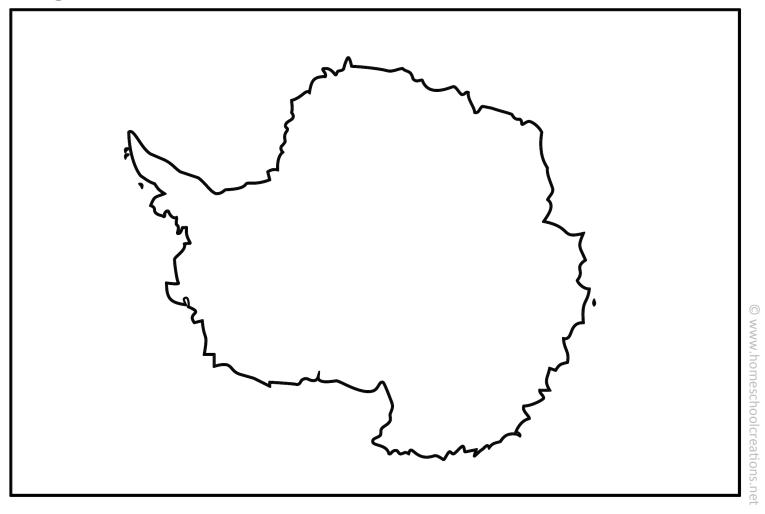
Flag of Antarctica (unofficial)



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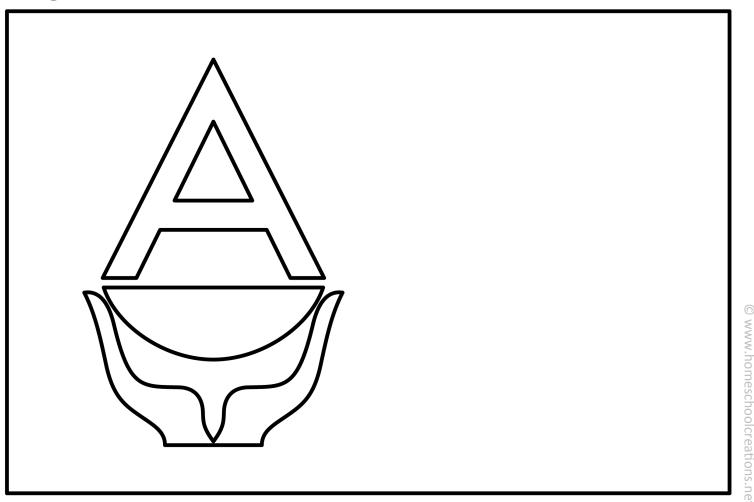
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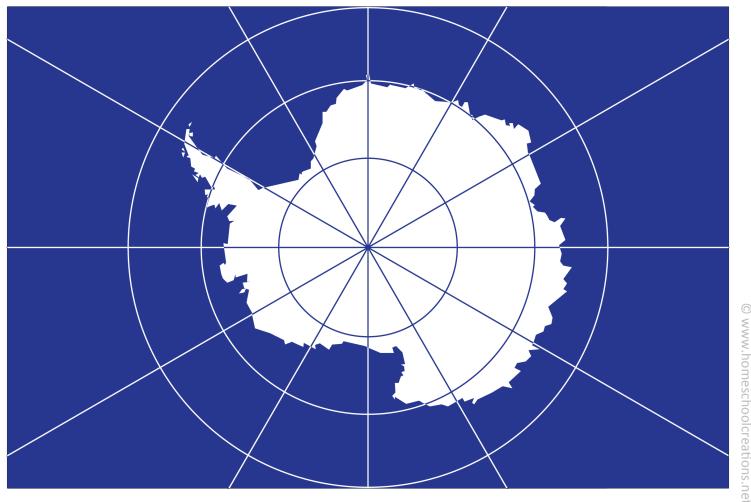
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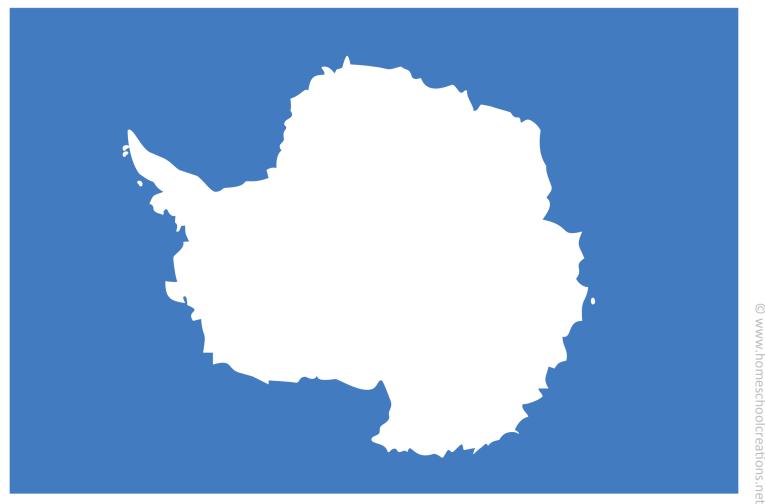
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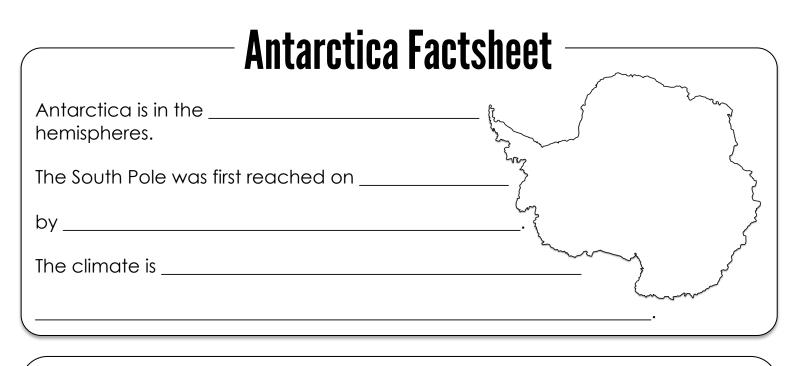


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