Map Interpretation

Australia and the Pacific Islands

Use the maps in your textbook to decide whether the following statements are correct or incorrect. If the statement is incorrect, correct it to make it accurate.

- 1. Australia is located in the southern and western hemispheres.
- 2. Tasmania, a state of Australia, is located just south of Western Australia.
- 3. The Tropic of Capricorn runs through Australia.
- 4. Australia is the only country in the world that is a continent.
- 5. The northern and eastern coasts of Australia have the most rainfall.
- 6. Australia's major cities are located along the coast.
- 7. Australia's most densely populated cities are located along its northwestern coast.
- 8. Because of its location in the southern hemisphere, Australia has no desert areas.
- 9. The Great Barrier Reef is located west of the Timor Sea.
- 10. New Zealand is located within 50 miles of the Australian coast.
- 11. Vanuatu is bordered by the Solomon Islands to the North, Fiji to the east and New Caledonia to the west.
- 12. The French still have possessions in the South Pacific.
- 13. Guam is located east of the Philippines and south of the Federated States of Micronesia.
- 14. Hawaii is on the same side of the International Date Line as the Marshall Islands.
- 15. The United States has Pacific Island possessions.
- 16. The territory of the island of New Guinea is divided between Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.
- 17. Nauru belongs to the Federated States of Micronesia.
- 18. The country of New Zealand has only one island.
- 19. Geothermal is an energy resource in New Zealand.
- 20. If you were traveling by boat in a northwesterly direction from Tonga to the Line Islands of Kiribati you would likely pass through the waters of Cook Island.