Governing Antarctica Short Answer Questions

1. Explain why the continent of Antarctica does not have any countries.

2. Explain why the continent of Antarctica does not have a capital.

3. Explain what a treaty is. If you don’t know the answer, look up the word in a dictionary or encyclopedia.

4. Since Antarctica does not have a government there are no services, like the post office or police force, that a government provides. Have a class discussion and list the services a government usually provides and why Antarctica does not need these services.

5. The first Antarctic Treaty signed in 1961 was established in part as a result of the Cold War going on at the time between the United States and Russia. Do some research and write a short report about the Cold War.

6. Article 11 of the Antarctic Treaty concerns disputes over Antarctica. It states that disputes should be settled peacefully by the countries involved. If that is not possible, the dispute should be settled by the International Court of Justice. Do some research and write a short report about what the International Court of Justice is and where it is located.

7. Would you like to be a delegate or other person involved with the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat or Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings? Explain why or why not.