

**Guided Reading Activity 3**

## Antarctica

**Directions: Summarizing** Read this section in your textbook to fill in the blanks below.

Antarctica was first sighted in the (1) \_\_\_\_\_. In 1911 explorers reached the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Several countries claimed territory in Antarctica, hoping to find (3) \_\_\_\_\_ resources. In 1959 twelve countries signed the (4) \_\_\_\_\_, stating that Antarctica should be used only for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ purposes. In 1991 signers also agreed to forbid (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and to protect its environment.

Many countries have scientific (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Antarctica, where they carry out different studies. Geologists believe that Antarctica was once joined to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and South America. About (9) \_\_\_\_\_ scientists stay during the harsh polar winter. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ study climate change.

(11) \_\_\_\_\_, seals, fish, whales, and many flying birds live in or near the seas surrounding Antarctica. Larger animals were once hunted nearly to (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

Global warming could lead to the loss of (13) \_\_\_\_\_. This could lead to the loss of plants that form the diet of (14) \_\_\_\_\_. It also could lead to rising (15) \_\_\_\_\_, which could cause flooding. Scientists have noticed a hole in the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ over Antarctica.