

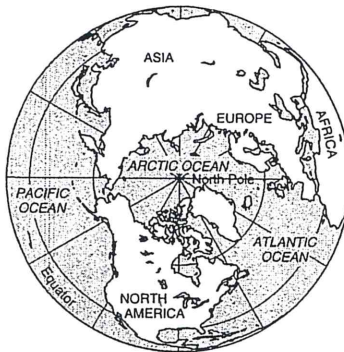


## Understanding Hemispheres

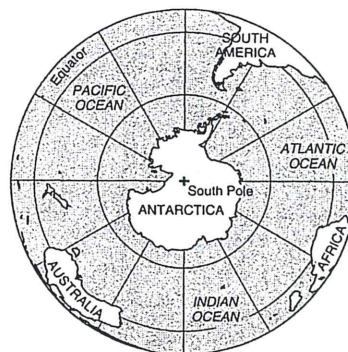
The word *hemisphere* means half of a sphere. The earth can be divided into hemispheres in two different ways. When it is divided along the Equator, the two hemispheres are the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. When it is divided along the Prime Meridian from the North Pole to the South Pole, the two hemispheres are the Western Hemisphere and the Eastern Hemisphere.

**Directions:** Study the illustrations of the earth's hemispheres below. Then, answer the questions that follow.

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE



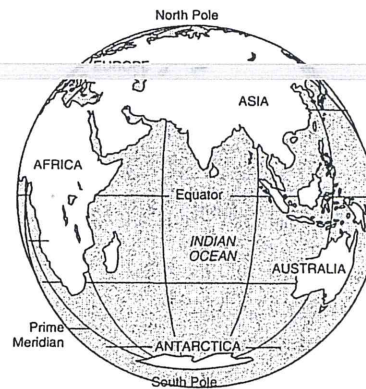
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE



WESTERN HEMISPHERE



EASTERN HEMISPHERE



1. In which two hemispheres is the United States located? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the line that divides the Northern Hemisphere from the Southern Hemisphere?  
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3. In which two hemispheres is Australia located? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which ocean is not found in the Western Hemisphere? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which hemisphere is the only one in which Antarctica is not found? \_\_\_\_\_