

Using the information found in the book, fill in the missing information below.

1. Many of 's best-known works focus on stories about everyday Icelanders and the issues they face.
2. has won the World's Strongest Man competition four times, lifting everything from concrete blocks to 1000-pound (454-kilogram) tires.
3. Immigrants account for approximately percent of Iceland's population.
4. of Denmark was the country's last absolute monarch.
5. of Norway reigned from 995 to 1000. During that time, he was able to introduce Christianity to much of his realm.
6. The Althingi is the government's branch. It makes decisions about the country's laws.
7. is a festival held every winter. People come together to sing traditional songs, recite Old Norse poems, and retell legends from the past.



Iceland by the Numbers

Test your knowledge of Iceland by answering the following questions.

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1. What is the average amount of time between volcanic eruptions in Iceland?

2. How long is Iceland's coastline?

3. What is the ratio of sheep to people on the island?

4. What percentage did tourism in Iceland grow between 2010 and 2017?



Write a Letter

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Think about what it must be like to visit Iceland. Imagine you are traveling in Iceland. Write a letter home describing your trip. The letter should include the most exciting features of visiting Iceland. Where are you staying? What famous sites have you explored? What kinds of food have you tried?



True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using information found in the book, verify whether the following statements are true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found the information beside your answer.

Statement 1

The rhyolite mountains of Landmannalaugar are found within the Fjallabak Nature Reserve.

True

False

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Statement 2

During his reign, Olaf I of Norway was able to introduce Christianity to much of his realm.

True

False

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Statement 3

Icelandic women were given the right to vote in 1918.

True

False

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Statement 4

Only about 10 percent of Iceland's population lives in Reykjavík.

True

False

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Statement 5

The *Sun Voyager* sculpture is meant to represent the dream of hope, progress, and freedom.

True

False

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Exploring Iceland

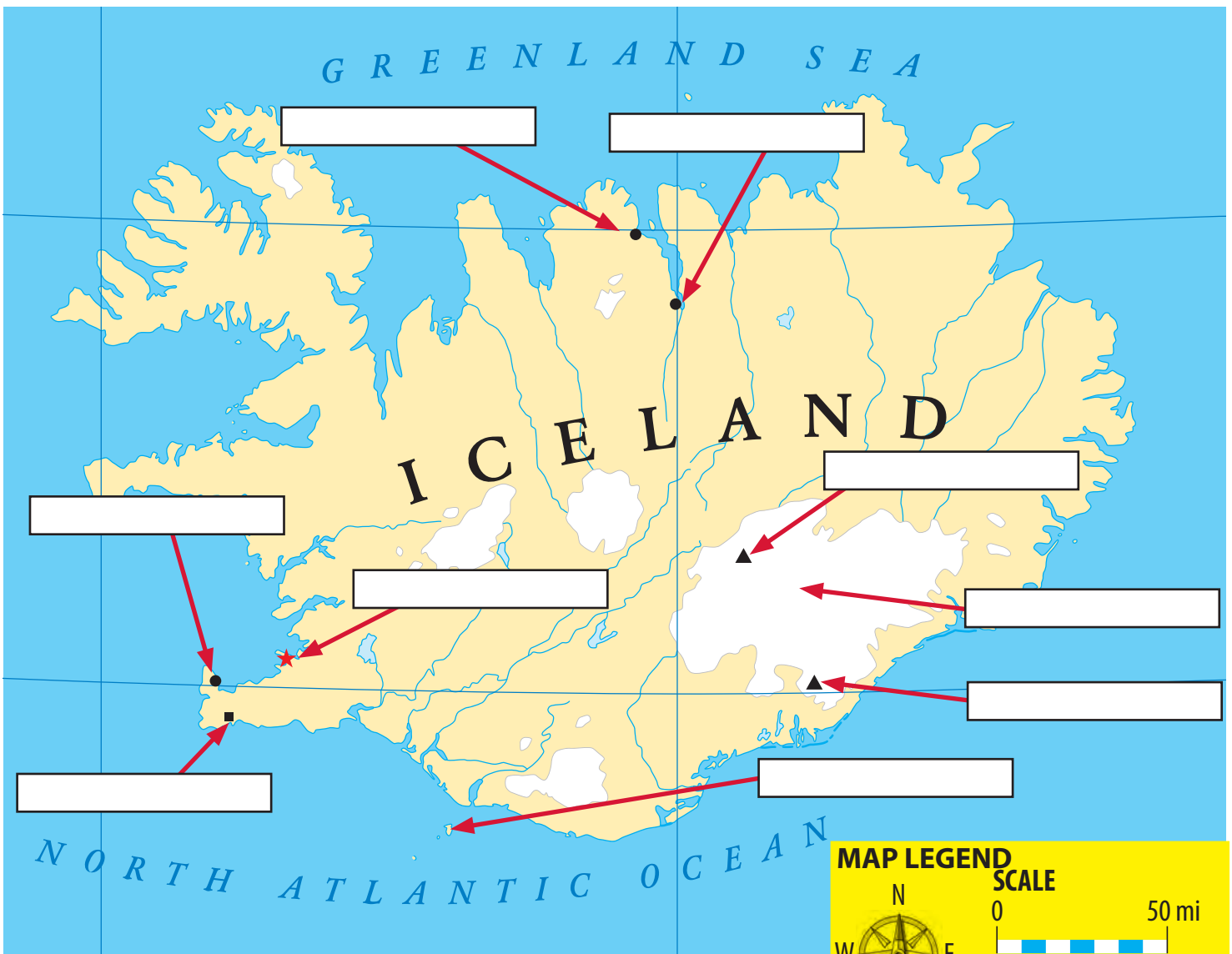
Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Dalvík
Akureyri
Bárðarbunga
Keflavík
Heimaey

Vatnajökull
Reykjavík
Hvannadals Peak
Blue Lagoon



MAP LEGEND

SCALE

0 50 mi

0 50 km



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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KEY WORDS

archaeologists
autonomy
biotechnology
Black Plague
cabinet
Christianity
dans

commodities
descendants
diversify
economy
export
fermented
fertile

fjords
geothermal
geysers
glaciers
gross domestic product (GDP)

Your Score is



%

1.
independence or freedom
2.
a disease that killed millions throughout Europe
3.
a religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ
4.
products that can be traded, bought, or sold
5.
vary a range of products
6.
to sell a product to another country or area
7.
referring to land that is capable of producing crops
8.
produced by the heat in Earth's interior
9.
slow-moving masses of ice
10.
scientists who study human life and activities by examining objects

11.
the use of living systems and organisms to develop or make products
12.
in government, a group of senior ministers responsible for enacting government policies
13.
groups of families that are related to each other
14.
people related to others from an earlier time
15.
the wealth and resources of a country or area
16.
broken down into a simpler substance
17.
long, narrow inlets of the sea
18.
hot springs that spew hot water and steam into the air
19.
the total value of goods and services produced in a country or area



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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KEY WORDS

home rule

homogeneous

imported

lagoon

lava

legislative

life expectancy

median age

mineral

mudpots

parliament

parliamentary democracy

petroleum

republic

smelting

species

tectonic plates

treaty

Vikings

20.
of a similar kind
21.
an area of shallow water that is separated from the sea by a reef
22.
relating to a group of people that have the power to make or change laws in a country or area
23.
the age that divides a population into two numerically equal groups
24.
pools of bubbling mud
25.
a system of government in which people elect representatives to a parliament to make laws
26.
a country where power is held by the people or the representatives that they elect
27.
a set of animals or plants with similar features
28.
an agreement between two or more countries

29.
the governing of a dependent nation by its own citizens
30.
bought a product from another country or area
31.
fluid rock that comes out of a volcano
32.
the number of years a person is expected to live
33.
a natural substance that is neither plant nor animal, such as gold, a diamond, or iron ore
34.
a body of government that has the authority to make laws
35.
an oily liquid found beneath Earth's surface
36.
extracting metal from its ore using heat
37.
large moving chunks of rock that make up Earth's outer layer
38.
Scandinavian, or Norse, pirates and traders who plundered the coasts of Europe from the 8th to 10th centuries



Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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1 What is Iceland also known as?

2 What is the capital of Iceland?

3 When did Iceland begin to form?

4 What was the first land mammal to live in Iceland?

5 What makes the mountains at Landmannalaugar multi-colored?

6 Which two fish make up most of Iceland's catch?

7 Who was the first permanent settler on Iceland?

8 How much of the Icelandic population did the Black Plague kill the two times it occurred?

9 To what church do most Icelanders belong?

10 What is Iceland's national sport?

