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## **Indo-Pacific Focus**

**Directions:** Read the prompt carefully. Then write a well-structured response that explains your analysis of Oceania's role in the Indo-Pacific region.

Oceania plays an important part in the Indo-Pacific region because of its location, natural resources, and relationships with larger nations. Countries such as Australia, New Zealand, and many Pacific Island nations contribute to regional security, environmental protection, and international trade. As global interest in the Indo-Pacific grows, Oceania must balance partnerships with major powers, protect its ocean territories, and support the needs of smaller island communities. In your response, analyze how Oceania influences the region and explain why its role matters for political, economic, and environmental stability.

- → Write a paragraph or short essay that addresses the following guiding ideas. Use them to shape your written explanation.
  - How does Oceania's location affect regional security and cooperation?
  - Why do ocean resources and environmental issues matter in the Indo-Pacific?
  - How do relationships with major nations shape the political and economic decisions of Oceania?

<ul> <li>Why do the needs of smaller island nations matter in regional pl</li> </ul>	lanning?
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