

Mapping a World of Facts

Name _____



Read these interesting facts about the world in which you live. Then find on a world map the place mentioned in each fact. Write then number of the fact on the map where you find that place.

1. Did you know that the **Amazon rainforest** produces more than 20 percent of the world's oxygen supply? The rainforest's Amazon River contains more water than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined.
2. **Antarctica** is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Its ice represents 70 percent of all the fresh water in the world.
3. **Canada** has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Did you know that the word *Canada* is an Indian word meaning "Big Village"?
4. **Damascus, Syria**, is the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.
5. **Istanbul, Turkey**, is the only city in the world located on two continents.
6. In the 1930's jazz musicians traveled from city to city. They used the slang expression "apple" for any town or city. Therefore, **New York City, New York**, became "The Big Apple."
7. The smallest island that is a country is **Pitcairn Island**. It is less than 2 square miles in size.
8. The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was **Rome, Italy**. It reached that size in the year in 133 B.C.
9. Parts of the **Sahara Desert** might not receive a drop of rain for ten years.
10. The world's highest waterfall, Angel Falls in **Venezuela**, is 15 times higher than Niagara Falls.