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Core Regions

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Chapter three discusses the climates of the Mediterranean Basin. It says how in the winter the low-pressure systems in the northern Mediterranean bring in rain-bearing weather fronts from the Atlantic. However, in the summer, dry sunny conditions are produced by hot dry air masses from Asia and Africa. These types of climates cause dramatic differences in rainfall from year to year. These types of climates are extremely ideal for farming certain types of crops. According to this website: http://bioag.byu.edu/aghort/aghort100/mediterranean_climate.htm, olives, grapes, figs, and citrus are common in these areas. This type of Mediterranean climate is not only found in the Mediterranean Basin. According to the website, these climates are usually found between 30° and 40° north or south latitude.

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In chapter three of World Regional Geography in Global Context, there's a section that deals with how the migration of people from rural to urban areas has affected their economic development. On page 9 they mention that migration has been a consequence of patterns of economic development. The book also mentions that by the mid-1970s, these migration streams had become an important early component of the globalization of the world economy. At Development Express [<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/xpress/dex/dex9802.htm>] they explain how rural to urban migration can play a factor in economic development. Development Express also says that this form of migration can also lead to problems with crime and social control, simply by creating new problems.

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Southeastern Australia is one of the core regions discussed in chapter 12. The agriculture of this region is discussed on page 454. They discuss the wheat industry, sheep raising, and irrigated lands. The following website discusses the Australian economy. <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/as.html#Econ> They say that agriculture is 3% of the GDP. Industry and services make up the other 97%. Later, they discuss agriculture in more detail. The agriculture products they list are wheat, barley, sugarcane, fruits; cattle, sheep, and poultry. This website also includes information on the geography, people, government, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues of Australia.

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