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Continents of Life: Exploring Unique Ecosystems and Biodiversity

Short Answer Key

1. Polar bear
2. The Great Barrier Reef is a massive coral reef system located off the coast of Australia. It is known for its stunning biodiversity, including colorful corals, various species of fish, sea turtles, sharks, and marine mammals. The reef provides a critical habitat for countless marine species.
3. North America
4. Australia is home to many marsupial species because it has been geographically isolated for millions of years. This isolation allowed marsupials to evolve and adapt to various niches within the continent, resulting in a diverse array of marsupial species.
5. Conservation efforts in the Amazon Rainforest include the establishment of protected areas and national parks, international agreements to reduce deforestation, support for indigenous communities, and efforts to combat illegal logging and poaching.

