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The Mighty Pacific Ocean: A World of Wonders

Short Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, e.g., Galapagos Islands, Fiji, Tahiti.
2. El Niño and La Niña are ocean-atmosphere patterns that affect global weather conditions. El Niño typically brings warmer temperatures and increased rainfall, while La Niña leads to cooler temperatures and drier conditions.
3. The Pacific Ocean has played a crucial role in human history as a key route for early explorers and a significant battleground during World War II.
4. The Pacific Ocean faces environmental challenges such as pollution, overfishing, and climate change.
5. Answers may vary, e.g., organizations working to reduce plastic pollution in the Pacific, marine protected areas.

