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## Summer Vacation: A Worldwide Tradition or a Local Custom?

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Responses may include comparisons of the timing and length of summer vacation in Japan and the United States, as well as discussions on cultural traditions, academic year structure, and the influence of these factors on differences in summer vacation customs.
2. Answers will vary, but students may discuss the benefits of a longer summer vacation in the United States, such as more extended family time and opportunities for travel, and the advantages of a shorter vacation in India, which allows families to escape the heat briefly.
3. Students can explore how the timing of summer vacation in Australia enhances holiday celebrations, including outdoor activities, barbecues, and family gatherings during the Christmas and New Year period.
4. The importance of considering climate conditions can be discussed in the context of countries like Saudi Arabia, where extreme summer heat necessitates shorter school breaks to ensure the safety and well-being of students.

