Pacific Islands

In 1960 France started nuclear testing in French Polynesia. Many nearby islands got mad because it could harm or poison the island, so they stopped in 1996. There are many similarities and differences between Tonga and French Polynesia because one is a high island and one is a low island. Physical and human characteristics impact population settlement, demographics and economy differently on high and low islands in the Pacific.

There are six volcanic islands in French Polynesia. Tahiti is the largest island. Physical and human characteristics have affected high islands such as French Polynesia in many ways. French Polynesia has many trees and mountains and is very green and grassy. There are also many man-made things such as an airport built on a coral reef offshore.
Houses, boats, etc. In 1789 there were foreigners that brought disease and killed many people. As of right now, the population is 270,465. Most of the people live on Tahiti because it is the larger island and can support a bigger population. Some economic activities are tourism, handcrafts, agriculture, and working with pearl. This is a little about French Polynesia. Next I will explain about Tonga.

Queen Salote III was only 18 years old when she ruled Tonga for 50 years. Physical and human characteristics have affected low islands like Tonga in many ways. Tonga has 170 islands. There are coral reefs and active volcanoes on Tonga. Also, there is good soil for growing plants and trees. Some man-made things are roads, buildings, and stores. There is about 112,472 people on the island, but only 35 of...
The islands and all islands are very small. There aren't many people because island is so small. Also 96% of people are Polynesian, 2% are Chinese or European. Some economic activities are fishing because there is plenty of ocean to fish around. So this is what Tonga is like, and how the economy is.

Many things have changed. Physical and human characteristics differently in both low and high island. So in high islands like French Polynesia there are mountains, volcanos, plentiful resources and good economy. Also they have a big population. On the other hand low islands have no mountains, but have coral reefs, less economy and resources and have a smaller number of people on the island. So now that you know more about high and low islands, which one would you rather live on?
Tonga

Characteristics
- 718 sq. miles
- tree plants
- climate warm
- rainy
- roads

Demographics
- Pop. 112,422
- Polynesians, Chinese
- Tongan, English

Economics
- Currency: Tala
- squash, coconuts, vanilla, etc.
- fishing
- 40,000 tourists/year

Challenges
- want to leave other country
- saving money
- government

High:
French Polynesia

Characteristics
- 3600 sq km
- trees, mountains
- grass
- roads
- beaches

Demographics
- Pop. 270,485
- Tahitian, French
- language
- Polynesia 78%
- Chinese 12%
- local French 4%

Economics
- coconuts, vegetables, fruit,
- beef, dairy, much tourist

Challenges
- want to become independent
- could lose jobs
- storms
Double Bubble Map: 
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High Islands: "French Polynesia"
- more resources
- more ethnicities
- bigger population
- surrounded by oceans
- have roads
- Polynesia both.

Low Islands: "Tonga"
- lower population
- resource shortage
- less ethnicity
Comparing Places Essay

This is just the introduction of your essay. You'll do the bodies in the next class period.
DO NOT LOSE THIS WORKSHEET or the tree map or bubble map—they'll be graded!

**Introduction**

1. (Green) Pull a fact or quote about one of your islands from the blue box that is in each chapter.  
   *In the 1960's France started nuclear testing in French Polynesia. Many nearby islands got mad because it could harm the island, so they stopped in 1996.*

2. (Yellow) Main idea: Create a sentence that gives the main idea of the writing piece and in which both your islands are named.  
   *There are many similarities and differences between Tonga and French Polynesia because one is a high island and one is low island.*

3. (Red) Thesis statement: **Physical and human characteristics impact population settlement, demographics, and economic activities differently on high and low islands in the Pacific.**  
   (You can write your own thesis statement but I suggest you use mine. You're welcome!)