Answer Key to Characteristics of State Card Sort

# Government

The United Kingdom is an example of a constitutional monarchy.

Raul Castro is the dictator of Cuba. He rules with the support of a strong military.

Kenya is a democratic republic. The president runs the country with a national assembly and senate.

Iran is an example of a *theocracy*, a country ruled by a religious leader.

The Pope is the religious leader of his own country called Vatican City. This is a theocracy.

Hitler was a ruthless dictator of Nazi Germany during World War II.

Women cannot drive in Saudi Arabia, by law.

At one time, China limited couples to one child to control population. This was formally phased out in 2015.\*

# Territory

The United States is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west.

The United States maintains 48 official border crossings and inspection stations between the United States and Mexico.\*

A tropical climate dominates most of Brazil because of the Amazon basin.

Australia is bound by water on all sides, which is a natural defense.\*

Algeria is the largest country in Africa. Its land mass, or area, is 2,381,740 square kilometers.

# Population

The current population of India is 1.2 billion.

The dominant language of the people of Spain is Castilian Spanish.

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Most of the people of Cambodia practice Buddhism.

Pitcairn Islands has only 56 people living there.

# Sovereignty

Canada has made trade agreements with the United States and Mexico.

If a tourist wanders into North Korea, he can be detained or imprisoned by that government.

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Israel maintains a military to protect its people that occupy the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

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