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Main Ideas

ANSWERS WILL VARY.

Directions: Read each passage and ask yourself, “What is the author saying in this paragraph?” Write your answer in the summary box and then think of an appropriate title for the passage based on the main idea of the passage.

1) The Earth's surface is covered by 71% oceans. Generally speaking there are four recognized ocean bodies: namely the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and Arctic Oceans. There are competing models however that there exists the Southern/Antarctic Ocean deemed it's own body of water as it is separated by the Antarctic Circumpolar Current. While some countries have acknowledged the concept of a fifth ocean, it's existence is not universally accepted. .

Summarize this paragraph in one sentence. Be specific and clearly explain the main idea.

A part of the 71% oceanic cover of planet Earth is the Antarctic Ocean, but its existence as a unique ocean is not universally accepted.

An appropriate title: **The Antarctic Ocean: Does it exist?**

2) Since summer 2019 Australia has been ravaged by the worst bushfires they have seen in decades. They have been made worse by months long drought and steady, persistent winds spreading the fires to over 17 million acres reaching every single one of Australia's six states. More than 3000 homes have been destroyed or damaged and at least 28 people have died from fire-related deaths as of January 2020. These fires are just one of several wild fires occurring across the globe in 2019 with 16 million acres of the Amazon Rainforest that burned for weeks, and 247,000 acres that went up in flames in California.

Summarize this paragraph in one sentence. Be specific and clearly explain the main idea.

In 2019 there were several bushfires worldwide including Australia, the Amazon Rainforest and the state of California.

An appropriate title: **2019: The Year the Earth Burned**

