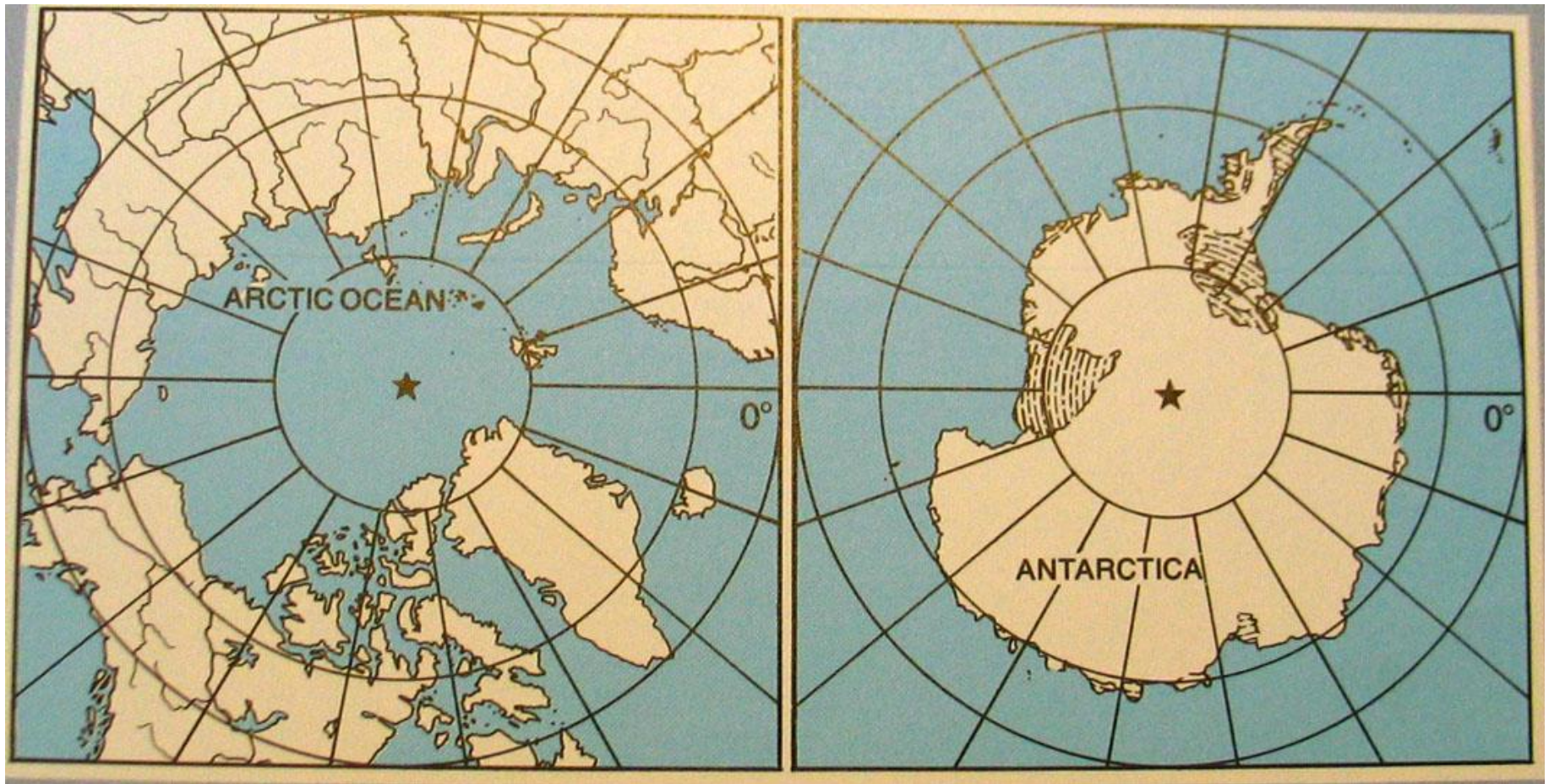


Where Can You Find This? The Arctic or Antarctic – or Both?

This activity compares and contrasts the Arctic and Antarctic areas of the world.

Polar Maps



(map from National Geographic Book, *Penguins and Polar Bears*, by Sandra Lee Crow, p.33)

Explain to the students: **the Arctic is an ocean surrounded by continents.**
The Antarctic is a continent surrounded by ocean.

- Print out two maps, one of the Arctic and one of the Antarctic.
- Find photos or drawings of as many Arctic or Antarctic features/creatures as you can. Copy one item per page.
- Have the students sit in a circle and put the two maps on the floor in the center. Hold up one paper at a time, in random order, and ask students whether that picture belongs in the Arctic or the Antarctic. Place the illustration by the appropriate map. Make two copies of the pages where the same features can be found at both Poles.

Use this list, and add more if you wish.

Igloo	Arctic
Native people	Arctic
Kayak	Arctic
Seals	Arctic and Antarctic
Reindeer	Arctic
Glaciers	Arctic and Antarctic
Musk-ox	Arctic
Polar Bear	Arctic
Penguin	Antarctic
Walrus	Arctic
Dogs	Arctic
Explorers	Arctic and Antarctic
Icebergs	Arctic and Antarctic
Narwhal	Arctic
Beluga	Arctic



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