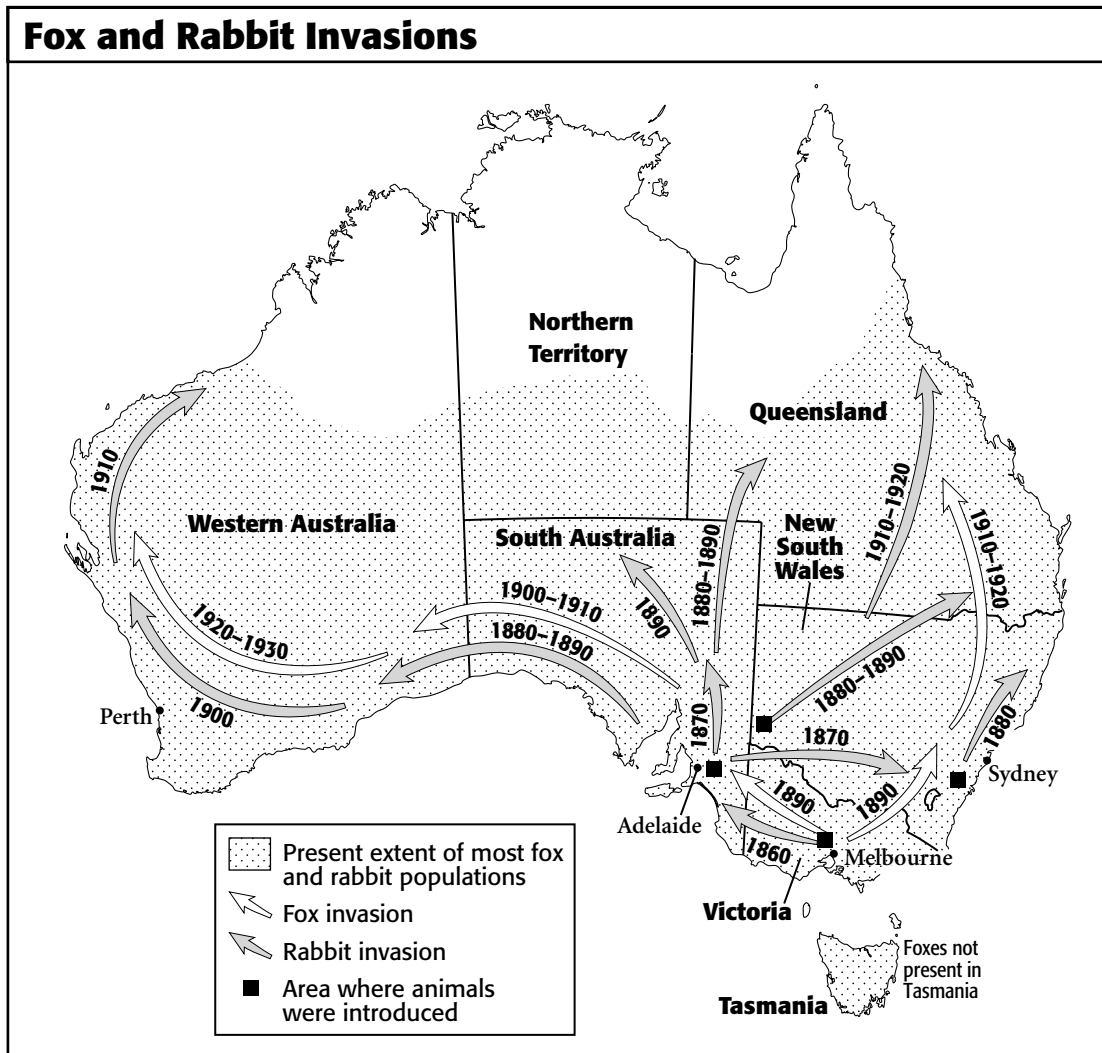


CHAPTER 31

Map Activity

Exotic Animals

The introduction of nonnative animal species—known as exotic animals—has upset the ecological balance in Australia. Two of the most widespread and damaging exotic species are rabbits and foxes, both introduced for hunting purposes. Study the map below, then answer the questions on the following page.



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1. Where were foxes and rabbits introduced to Australia? When were the first of these animals introduced?

2. Where did rabbits spread from Adelaide?

3. When did rabbits reach Queensland? What about foxes?

4. Which species, foxes or rabbits, appears to have spread most widely? Where are foxes and rabbits not found in Australia?

5. **Critical Thinking: Movement** What path did both species take into Western Australia? What geographic factors might have influenced the choice of that route?

ACTIVITY Find out about other exotic animal and plant invasions in different parts of the world. Work with a group of classmates to make a list of these invasions. Include a description of where each exotic species came from, how it arrived, and what effects it has had on the local environment.