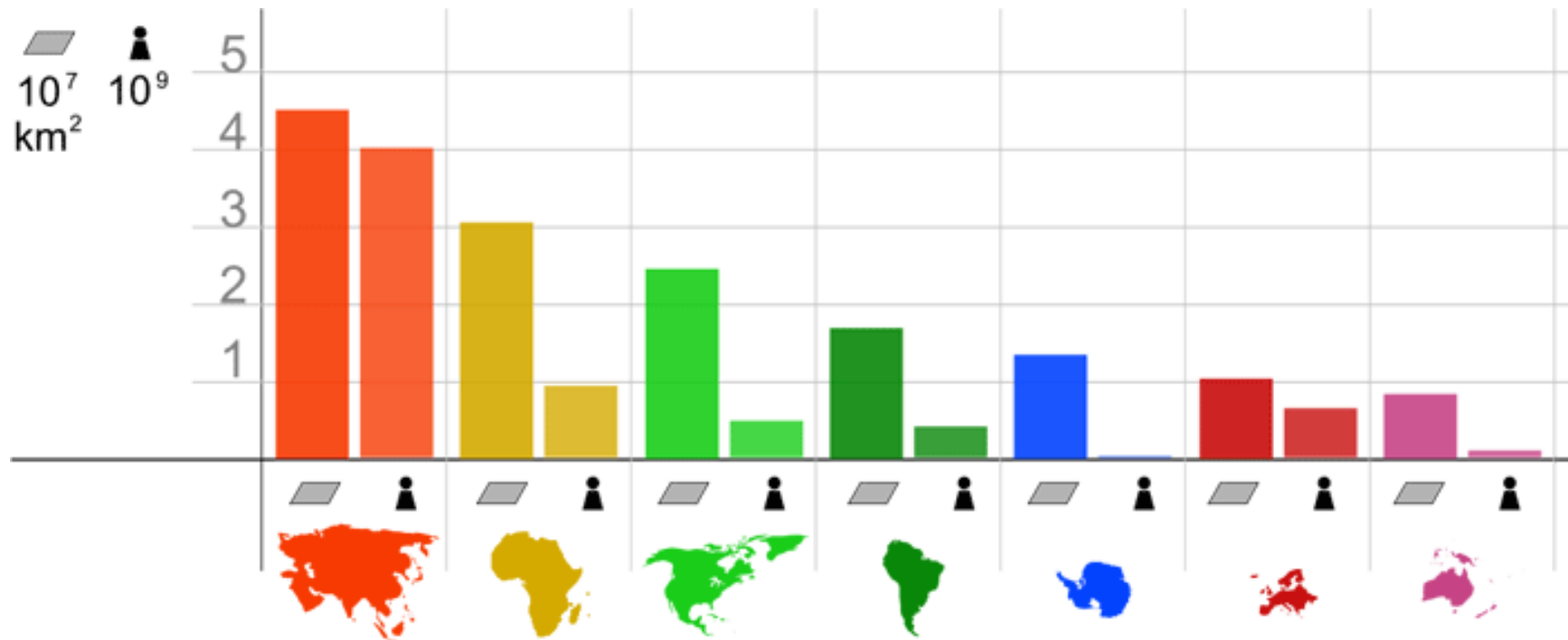


Learning About Continents and Population

The worksheet below is aimed towards helping elementary school students use graphs to learn about the different continents and the population density of each continent. The chart shows the size and population of each continent.



First, name the seven continents of this graph.

Answer the following questions about population and area:

- What is the most populated continent?
- What is the least populated continent?
- What is the continent that has the largest area?
- What is the continent that has the smallest area?

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Calculating population density

The human population density is the number of people per unit area. The human population density is often expressed in people per a specific geographic area and is simply obtained by dividing the number of people considered by the surface measured in square kilometers or square miles.

Finish the table below to calculate population density per square mile for each of the continents. The answer table is at the end of this lesson.

Which continent has the highest population density? Which continent has the lowest population density?

Continent	Area (km ²)	Area (mi ²)	2010 Population	Population Density (per km ²)
Asia	43,820,000	16,920,000	4,164,252,000	
Africa	30,370,000	11,730,000	1,022,234,000	
North America	24,490,000	9,460,000	542,056,000	
South America	17,840,000	6,890,000	392,555,000	
Antarctica	13,720,000	5,300,000	4,490	
Europe	10,180,000	3,930,000	738,199,000	
Australia	9,008,500	3,478,200	29,127,000	

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Population Data by Continent

Continent	Area (km ²)	Area (mi ²)	Percent of World Landmass	2010 Population	Percent of Total World Population	Population Density (per mi ²)
Asia	43,820,000	16,920,000	29.50%	4,164,252,000	60%	246
Africa	30,370,000	11,730,000	20.40%	1,022,234,000	15%	87
North America	24,490,000	9,460,000	16.50%	542,056,000	8%	57
South America	17,840,000	6,890,000	12.00%	392,555,000	6%	57
Antarctica	13,720,000	5,300,000	9.20%	4,490	0%	0.00078
Europe	10,180,000	3,930,000	6.80%	738,199,000	11%	188
Australia	9,008,500	3,478,200	5.90%	29,127,000	0.40%	8.3

The data used for this exercise is from: [“Total Population – Both Sexes”](#). *World Population Prospects, the 2010 Revision*. United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. 28 June 2011.