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Instructions: As you read, identify the main idea and supporting details for the section “What About the South Pole?” Record the information in the spaces provided below. Use the information you have collected to write a summary of the section.

Main Idea	Details
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Summary


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Instructions: In the text below, underline all of the nouns. Then, circle the proper nouns that are the names of places.

Four of the five countries that surround the Arctic Ocean—Norway, Russia, Canada, and Denmark (because of Greenland)—have filed requests for larger territories than they now own. (The United States has not officially filed because it hasn't ratified the United Nations agreement yet.) In other words, those four countries want more of the Arctic regions than just their EEZ. In some cases, they want territory all the way to the North Pole.

Russia's Arctic coastline is about 3,400 miles (7,000 km) long. It has the longest of any country bordering the Arctic Ocean. In 2007, Russia sent a small research ship to the seafloor at the North Pole. The ship gathered samples of soil and water from an underwater land feature called the Lomonosov Ridge. Scientists hoped to prove that the ridge is part of Russia and should belong to Russia. Ownership would give Russia the right to any natural resources found there.

However, across the Arctic Ocean, the Lomonosov Ridge connects to Canada, which has the second-largest Arctic coastline. Canada also claims this underwater mountain ridge as part of its seabed. Denmark, too, seeks ownership of the ridge because of its relationship with Greenland.



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Instructions: Below are words taken from *Who Owns the North Pole?* Cut along the dotted lines to separate the boxes. Then move the boxes around on your desk to arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then, write the words in alphabetical order on the lines below.

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remote	Arctic	minerals
disputes	countries	peaceful
energy	routes	Arctic Circle
petroleum	cooperation	direction