



Over Hall Primary School - Geography

Topic: Australia

Year 2

Stand: Locational Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography

What should I already know?



Vocabulary

Aboriginal	Aboriginal Australians are the various indigenous people of the Australian mainland
continent	a group of countries grouped together
atoll	a ring-shaped reef or islands formed of coral
equator	imaginary line across the earth separating the north and south hemispheres
lagoon	shallow body of water separated from a larger body of water by barrier islands or reefs
biome	
vegetation	Tropical desert humid climate

Features

Physical Features

The Great Barrier Reef



Located in the Coral Sea, off the north-eastern coast of Australia, sits the world's largest coral reef system, composed of 2900 individual reefs and 900 islands. It stretches for over 2300km. Global warming is having a devastating affect on the coral, with over half disappearing since 1985.

Uluru (Ayres Rock)



Ayres Rock is an enormous sandstone rock located in the northern territory of Australia. Uluru is sacred to the Pitjantjatjara Anangu, the Aboriginal people of the area. It is estimated to be around 600 million years old.

Human Features

Indigenous Peoples



Long before European settlers arrived in Oceania, they inhabited all of the land and were native to the islands. Many have struggled to adapt to the modern way of life and were victim to disease and loss of hunting land by the European settlers.

Sydney Harbour



The famous Opera House and Harbour Bridge are iconic landmarks of Australia. The steel bridge was built in 1923 and connects the commercial and residential parts of Sydney. The Opera House was built in 1959.

Desert Biome



Climate

- Australia is well-known for its enormous expanse of outback and desert-like conditions where temperatures can soar above 40°C in the day and as cold as -2°C at night.
- The equator is an imaginary line that divides the earth in half.
- The weather on the equator is hot all year round.



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Question 1	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Which is Australia closer to?		
North Pole		
South Pole		

Question 4	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Which of these is a physical feature?		
Lagoon		
Harbor		
Coral Reef		

Question 2	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Which describes physical features?		
Things people have made.		
Things found in nature.		

Question 5	
What are the Aboriginal Australians called?	
Start of unit:	
End of unit:	

Question 3	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Which of these is a human feature?		
Beach		
Forest		
Bridge		