



Unit Ten

Unit Title: Australia and Oceania

World Geography

Unit Length and Description:

3 weeks

This unit focuses on the physical and human geography of Australia and Oceania. It explores the relationship between landforms and population and analyzes the impact of natural processes on human activities.

Standards:

Standard 1: World in Spatial Terms and Uses of Geography

WG.1.4	Use geographic representations to locate the world's continents, major landforms, major bodies of water and major countries and to solve geographic problems
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Standard 2: Physical Systems

WG.2.2	Identify and locate world climate regions and evaluate the impact of the Earth/Sun relationship, ocean currents, wind currents, and elevation on each climate region
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WG.2.3	Compare and contrast regions of the world by analyzing the plant and animal life indigenous to the region (ecosystems)
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WG.2.4	Explain and give examples of natural and human processes that shape Earth's surface and identify specific locations where these processes occur
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Standard 3: Region

WG.3.1	Analyze how cooperation, conflict, and self-interest impact the cultural, political, and economic regions of the world and relations between nation
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WG.3.2	Determine the unifying characteristics that regions possess and explain changes that they have experienced over time
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Standard 4: Place

WG.4.1	Determine the physical and human characteristics that comprise the identity of a given place
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WG.4.2	Analyze the distinguishing physical characteristics of a given place to determine their impact on human activities
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WG.4.3	Identify and analyze distinguishing human characteristics of a given place to determine their influence on historical events
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WG.4.4	Evaluate the impact of historical events on culture and relationships among groups
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Standard 5: Human Systems

WG.5.1	Describe and classify reasons for human migration in terms of push or pull factors to determine the changes and similarities in these factors over time
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WG.5.4	Determine the factors that contribute to a country's standard of living
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Standard 6: Environment and Society

WG.6.1	Describe technological advances that have allowed humans to modify the environment and analyze the impact of these advances on the environment
WG.6.2	Identify challenges posed by the physical environment and evaluate strategies that will allow humans to more effectively deal with these challenges
WG.6.3	Analyze the distribution of resources and describe their impact on human systems (past, present, and future)
WG.6.4	Assess the role of government and business in preserving or consuming natural resources and protecting or destroying the physical environment

Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:	Essential Questions- Supporting Question:
How do people adapt to and modify their environment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does where people live influence how they live? • In what ways do humans interact with the environment?