









Australia and Its Neighbours

Geography





Name:

Teacher:

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What to expect in Year 3 HASS: Australia and Its Neighbours

Christian Worldview

God created the Earth and the environment we live in. Geography helps us to understand the environment and the interrelationships that exist within it. The skills in Geography enable us to represent both the natural and built or man-made aspects of this world in ways that make it possible for us to influence its use. The study of Geography leads students to think critically about God's world and the ways in which we live in it, our relationship to Him and others and the ways in which we use God's created world.

Unit overview

Students develop an understanding of the similarities and differences between places within and outside Australia through a study of their environment and human characteristics. They examine climate and the types of settlements in Australia, the Country/Place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Isander Peoples, and Australia's neighbouring countries. Students come to understand how people feel about and care for places. Students' mental maps further develop through learning about the representation of Australia and the location of Australia's neighbouring countries.

- What are the main natural and human features of Australia?
- How and why are places similar and different?
- What would it be like to live in a neighbouring country?

Online Videos

Every effort has been made to only include YouTube videos that we can link in safe mode. However, for technical reasons this is not always possible. We ask that you monitor your child's activity closely when working online. Youtube videos should be opened in the web browser NOT the Youtube App where possible.

Please note that assignments and exams will need to be completed and submitted by the due dates given. If a student is unwell and unable to submit they will need to request an extension through their teacher.



Time allocation:

5 weeks, 3 lessons per week, 4 hours per week

Week	Lesson Focus	Work Submissions
<u>6</u> p. 5-15	Lesson 1: Australia and its Great Landscapes Lesson 2: States and Territories Lesson 3: Cartographic Conventions of Maps	
7 p. 16-24	Lesson 1: Torres Strait Islands Lesson 2: Places Significant to Aboriginal Peoples Lesson 3: Similarities and Differences	Similarities and Differences - Formative Assessment Due: Friday 2 June 2023
8 p.25-36	Lesson 1: The Diverse Asian-Pacific Lesson 2: Life in the Asia Pacific Region Lesson 3: Comparing Australia and a Neighbouring Country	
9 p. 33-36	Lesson 1: Summative Assessment: Australia Lesson 2: Summative Assessment: Neighbouring Countries to Australia Lesson 3: Summative Assessment: Similarities and Differences	Australia and Its Neighbours - Summative Assessment Due: Friday 16 June 2023
10 p. 37-44	Lesson 1: States and Territories Lesson 2: Indigenous Languages Lesson 3: Graphing	

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Week 6 Lesson 1

Australia and its Great Landscapes

Learning Intention: Students will learn about the major natural features of Australia.

Success Criteria: I can identify some natural features of Australia.

Inquiry Question: What are the main natural features and man-made features of Australia?



Christian Focus

'In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth.' Genesis 1:1

Close your eyes tightly and put your hands over your eyes. What do you see? Even though you see nothing when your eyes are closed you can still hear, smell and feel things. Did you know there was a time when there was absolutely nothing. No trees, no people, no buildings, not even sound or smell. Darkness was everywhere. That is what it was like before God decided to make our world. God decided to build our world in 6 days. He made something different on each day and on the seventh day God was finished and rested. Watch the video on this page about God's Creation: Click here and open to view **The Story of Creation for Kids**.

Activate Prior Knowledge Read Independently

This term in geography, we are going to go on a journey to some of the countries that neighbour Australia, but before we can do that, let us see what we can remember about our 'home', Australia.





Demonstrating:

Activity 1:

<u>Click here</u> and open the link to view **Destinations of the World: Australia.**



Using the table provided, record three things you already knew about Australia from the video and three things you didn't know.

I did know	I didn't know

Explicit Instruction

Read together

Australia has many natural and constructed features. Can you remember the difference between the two?



Constructed features, also called man-made or human features, things that have been built by people. They are made of materials like wood, concrete, metal, even from rocks. Examples include: buildings, roads, monuments and bridges.



Natural features are the physical features of an area, the things made by God, not man. Examples include soil, water, mountains, rock formations, reefs and animals.

Week 6 Lesson 1 Continued...

Demonstrating

Activity 2:

Australia is a very large country and with a wide variety of landscapes. Australia is the lowest, flattest and driest continent on Earth. 70 percent of Australia is arid or semi-arid. The rain falls during the summer in the northern parts, while it falls in the winter in the southern parts.

The Great Dividing Range forces moist air from the ocean to rise and cause rain along the East coast and the inner parts of Australia to be dry desert.

The largest portion of Australia's food is grown around the Murray Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers. These rivers have been dammed to control the water flow and make the area suitable for farming.



Class Discussion:

Can you name 3 natural features in Australia and three constructed features in Australia?





Activity 2:

Use the map provided on page 7 to find and plot some of the natural features of Australia.

Plot:



- . Lake Eyre
- 2. Uluru
- 3. The Great Barrier Reef
- 4. The Great Dividing Range
- 5. Mt Kosciuszko



Activity 3:

Using a dictionary find the meaning of the following words:

Arid
Semi-arid
Dam or Dammed
Continent