

## Australia Project

Create a poster, pamphlet, booklet or essay containing six different topics from our study of Australia.

### 1. Culture (choose three)

- Language: Discuss the major languages spoken in Australia.
- Customs: Tell us about some traditions of the Australian people – What do they celebrate? How do they celebrate?
- Holidays: Choose at least two commonly celebrated in Australia and tell about/discuss them.
- Dress / Clothing: What are traditional or cultural clothing styles of Australian people? Include the dress or clothing of people living in major cities (Sydney, Melbourne, etc.) and the Outback.
- Food: Are there certain Australian foods that are common or considered a delicacy – something that Australia is known for?

### 2. Government (all)

- Population: How many people live in Australia?
- Government: What type of government does Australia have? Who is in charge? How do citizens participate?
- Commonwealth of Nations: What is it? How does it affect Australia?
- Flag: Recreate the Australia flag

### 3. Geography (all)

- Map: Draw or print a map of Australia and label it.
- Climate: Describe the climate of Australia.
- Major Physical Features: Label the physical features on your map (such as labeling mountains, rivers, canyons... Australian features!). Include: The Great Barrier Reef, Coral Sea, Ayers Rock, and the Great Victoria Desert. A key must be included with your map.
- Major Political Features: Label the six states, two territories, and major cities on your map.

### 4. Economics (choose 3)

- Economic System: What type of economy does Australia have? Show where it would fit on the economic continuum compared to the US.
- Currency: What is it called? What does it look like? What is the US dollar exchange rate?
- Imports/Exports: What does Australia grow or make that they sell to other places (exports)? What are some things it brings in (imports) from other places? What is Australia's main industry?
- Natural Resources: What are they? Where are they located?

### 5. History (all)

- Aborigines: Who are they? Describe their history and culture.
- British Colonization: When/how did the British arrive? What was Australia originally used for? When/how did Australia become a country?
- Impact of Colonization: How did the British arrival affect the Aborigines? How did it affect their rights, health, literacy and language?

### 6. Life in Australia (choose 2)

- Tourist Hot Spot: Choose a place and/or landmark, not previously mentioned in your report and give a deeper look at this particular location and why it would be an important place in Australia.
- Wildlife: Describe several examples of Australian wildlife.
- Natural Events/Disasters: Major natural disasters that frequently affect Australia. Possibly include earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, etc.
- Famous Person: Someone that is well known that either lived/lives in Australia or is from Australia originally. Why are they famous, what's so "great" about them? Include a picture and a summary.

**Some Recommended Websites:**

<http://www.australia.gov.au/about-australia>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/australia.html>

<http://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/australia-facts.html>

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/kids-news/news>

<https://school.eb.com/levels/middle/article/Australia/273020>