

Australian Identity Resources

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4 Fun Activities!

Exploring Australian identity has never been easier with a handy student choice board, identity graphic organiser, Australian flag design task and quite-write prompt.

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Teacher Notes

Ideas for implementing these resources in your classroom. Please do note, Indigenous Australian perspectives are important in the Australian classroom, so some of the activities are reflective of this – it is up to your discretion as a teacher at which level you wish to explore whether the arrival of the First Fleet was a colonisation or evasion.

I hope you and your students enjoy this resource and further understandings of being Australian! 😊



Thank you!

I hope this resource is useful in your classroom. Please don't hesitate to email me with questions at jadythone@outlook.com

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Fun & Reflective Activities

Each activity was designed to be delivered in the classroom with little to no previous preparation, students should be able to complete them independently.

- The **Choice Board** gives students the chance to pick their own activities, a smorgasbord of fun! Split into categories such as *draw, write, discuss, listen* and *research*, each student should have a great time exploring their ideas of Australia!
- The **Australian Identity** graphic organiser is perfect for a guided or individual session on Australian culture and identity.
- The **Australian Flag** design task brings out the creative side of students and it's a chance for them to reflect on their own heritage, as many current Australians are first, second or third generation immigrants from other countries. How can their culture be reflected in a personal Australian Flag?
- The **Writing Prompt** is an aesthetically pleasing quick-write activity to display in your classroom or in student journals as a personal reflection of Australian pride. What is the best thing about being Australian?



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Choice Board

Choose 3 activities to complete!

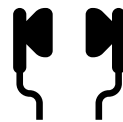
Draw



Write



Discuss



Listen



Research

1

A scene of a typical Australian celebration.

2

A diary entry written in 1770 by Lieutenant James Cook as he charted the east coast of Australia.

3

Quite a few of Australia's colonists in the early 1800s were convicts!

4

To *Advance Australia Fair*. Are the lyrics still relevant today?

5

Are Aboriginal Australians the oldest civilization in the history of the world?

6

Iconic Australian landmarks, animals and cultural objects.

7

Describe a British ship from the perspective of an Indigenous Australian.

8

When is the best day to celebrate Australia Day? Does the day matter?

9

To *I Am Australian*, by The Seekers. Which part of the song is your favourite?

10

Famous Australians and how they became famous (eg, Ned Kelly, Cathy Freeman).

11

A poster with the word "Australia" in the middle.

12

About why you think Australia is the best country in the world.

13

What would make Australia a better country to live in.

14

To *Down Under*, by Men At Work. Do you like this song? Explain why.

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Investigate 5 Australian inventions and how they changed the world.

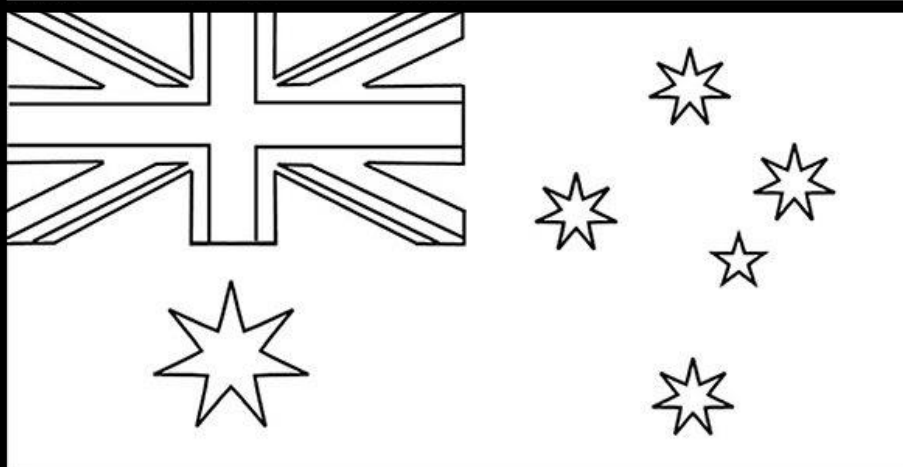


Draw the images in your head
associated with Australia.

Write some words to describe your
ideas of Australian society.



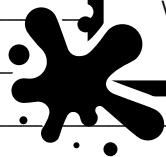
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Name:

Subject:

Write a paragraph about what it
means to you to be Australian.



List how Australia differs from
other countries.



Australian Flag

The Australian National Flag has three elements on a blue background: the Union Jack, the Commonwealth Star and the Southern Cross. The Union Jack in the upper left corner (or canton) acknowledges the history of British settlement and below the Union Jack is a white Commonwealth or Federation star.

TASK *In the space below, design your own Australian flag and write a comment about the symbolism you have incorporated.*



The best thing about being
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A large rectangular box with a black border and a pointed bottom-right corner. Inside, there are ten horizontal lines for writing.

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Who Am I?

My name is **Jadyn Thone** and I am an Australian Secondary teacher of Science, Technology, Math and English. During my time as a teacher I have taught many age groups of varying skill and ability. I found that I needed to create resources that suited my students. All my resources are tried and tested in authentic school settings. I upload new materials all the time, so don't forget to check back in! All the best!



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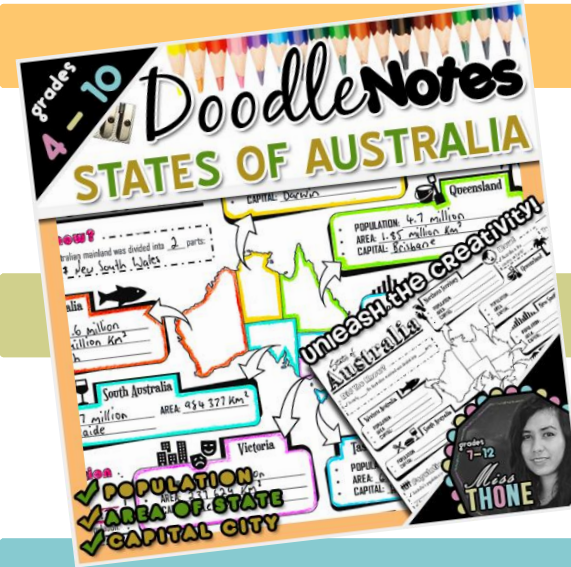
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