

Australia



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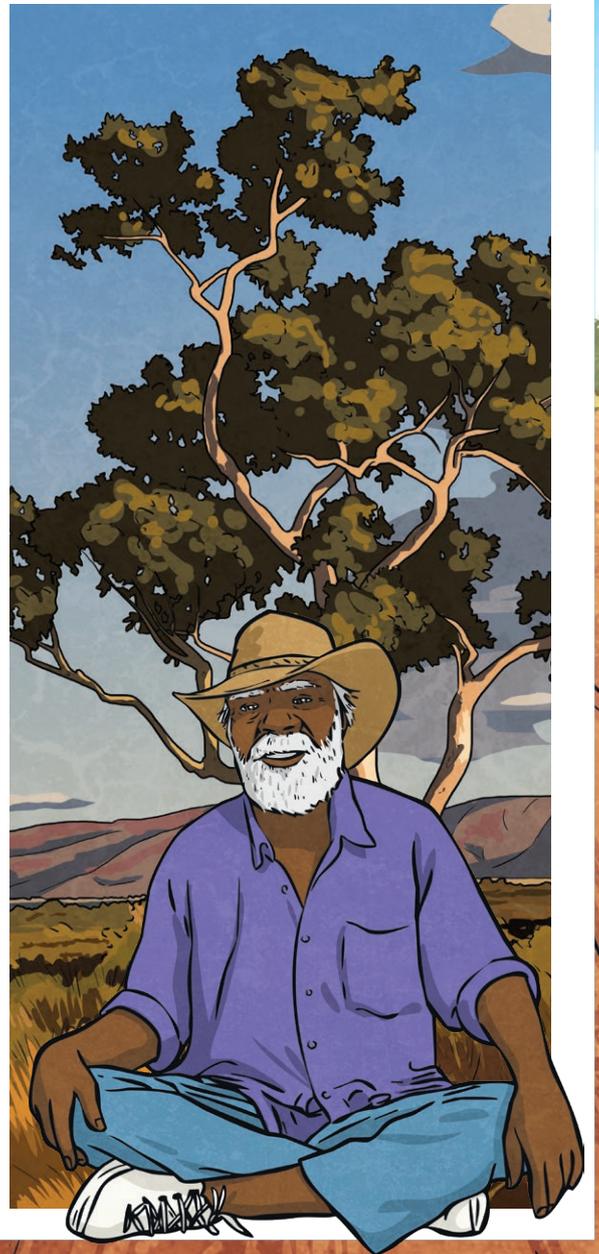
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Indigenous Culture:

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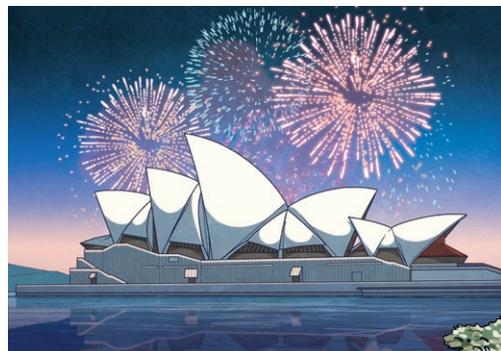
Australia consists of six states and two territories. The states are Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. The territories are the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. Most of the country's population live along the coastline in the eastern and southern parts of the country.

Art and Culture:

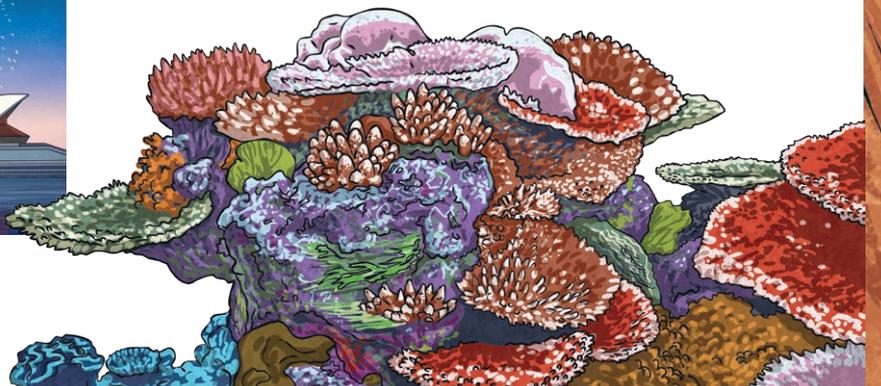
Australia has a thriving artistic community of art galleries, opera houses, film festivals, writing festivals, music festivals and theatre companies. Traditional Aboriginal art has a flourishing audience.

Sport:

Many would say that Australia is a sporting nation. Cricket, rugby union, rugby league and netball are all very popular sports in Australia. Australians play sport at the community and elite levels. Australians share particular sporting rivalries with their neighbour New Zealand! Each year Australia and New Zealand play Rugby Union for the Bledisloe Cup. Australia have won the Bledisloe Cup 12 times.

**Five Australian Landmarks**

- Kakadu National Park
- The Great Barrier Reef
- Uluru
- The Sydney Opera House
- The Australian Alps



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Name two Australian landmarks:

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land	six	pouch	southern	lives
New Zealand	festivals	borders	Capital	sporting
babies	rugby union	Queensland	venomous	koala
Aboriginal	water	outback	coastline	artistic

New Zealand



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Indigenous Culture:

New Zealand's First or Indigenous Peoples are the Māori people. In New Zealand there are two national anthems, the English version and the Māori version. Both are sung at events, with the Māori version sung first.

Animals:

Many species of dolphins and whales are found in the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of New Zealand. The sperm whale lives in these waters all year round, while the orca and humpback whales migrate. One of New Zealand's national symbols is the Kiwi, which is a flightless bird.



Population:

New Zealand has a small population, mostly because a large amount of the land is unfit for human habitation. Much of the south island is mountainous and too cold and steep for a large number of people.

Art and Culture:

New Zealand houses a number of museums, galleries and heritage attractions. Its Māori culture has a rich artistic history. Photography is popular in New Zealand, because of the beautiful scenery.

Sport:

New Zealand sporting teams are a force to be reckoned with. Cricket, rugby league, rugby union and netball are very popular sports. New Zealanders share sporting rivalries with their Australian neighbours. Each year, New Zealand and Australia play Rugby Union for the Bledisloe Cup. New Zealand have won the Bledisloe Cup 48 times.

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- Rotorua
- Coromandel Peninsula
- Waitomo Caves
- Hobbiton Movie set



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orca	people	popular	southern	Māori
mountain	Island	Australian	dolphins	flightless
population	Bledisloe Cup	habitation	scenery	photography

