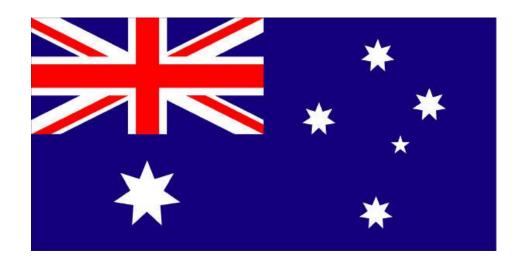
The Common Wealth of Australia

6th Grade

Daily Announcements

- Daily Warm Up!
- Map Skills! You may have to use a textbook to help with your assignment!







G'day Mates Australia

- Australia is the only country that is also a continent! It is also the world's smallest continent about the size of the continental (not including Hawaii, and Alaska)United States.
- Lies between the Indian and Pacific Oceans and it's part of the Pacific region along with New Zealand and thousands of small islands knows as Oceania.
- Australia's interior is a a rugged desert wilderness surrounded by dry scrub, grassland, and rainforest. Most Australians live in the southeastern part of the country, where the weather is mild. Except for Perth, all of the large cities of Australia are along the east coast.
- The largest part of Australia consists of semi-arid dry lands known as the Outback. In the north the climate is more varied with a tropical climate, rain forests, swamps, grasslands and even a desert.
- The Commonwealth includes: Tasmania, Islands in the Pacific Ocean and Indian Oceans.

Physical Features

The Great Barrier Reef

Is an amazing underwater world. The largest of its kind. This coral reef system extends more than 1, 200 miles in the Coral Sea along Australia's northeast coast.

The temperate water never falls below 68 degrees. More than 1, 500 types of fish live along the reef, along with sea turtles, starfish, and giant clams… The water is crystal clear with an abundant sea life.

Great Barrier Reef

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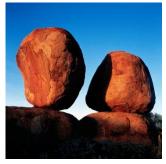








Ayers Rock



- Ayers Rock or Mount Ulru, is Australia's most famous natural landmark. The massive red sandstone rock formation is located in the barren lands of central Australia. It rises 1,142 feet in the air. Ayers Rock is a sacred site of the local Aboriginal people. Many visitors enjoy its may rock wall paintings, caves, and springs.
- Ayers rock is a monolith, single large rock sticking out of the earth... Similar to Stone Mountain!

Ayers Rock: Video Break

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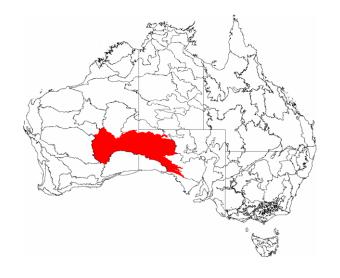
Let's Read About It

- Turn to page 344 Textbook
- Read about Ayers Rock! Pg. 344-345
- Complete Questions pg. 345: 1-3



Great Victoria Desert

 The largest desert in Australia. It was named for England's Queen Victoria. The desert is very close to Ayers Rock. The desert receives only 8 to 10 inches of rain each year, and it never snows. There are some grasslands in the desert along with sand hills and salt lakes.



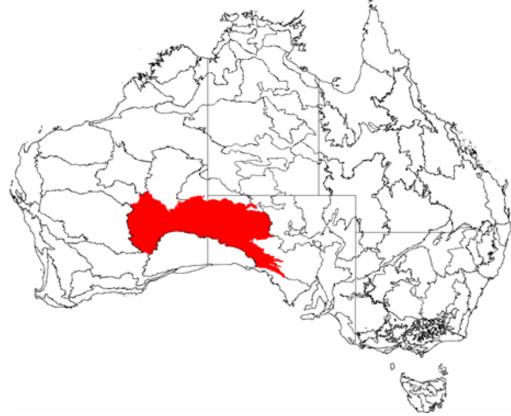






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Map Skills

