

Week 6 Stage 2 EAL/D

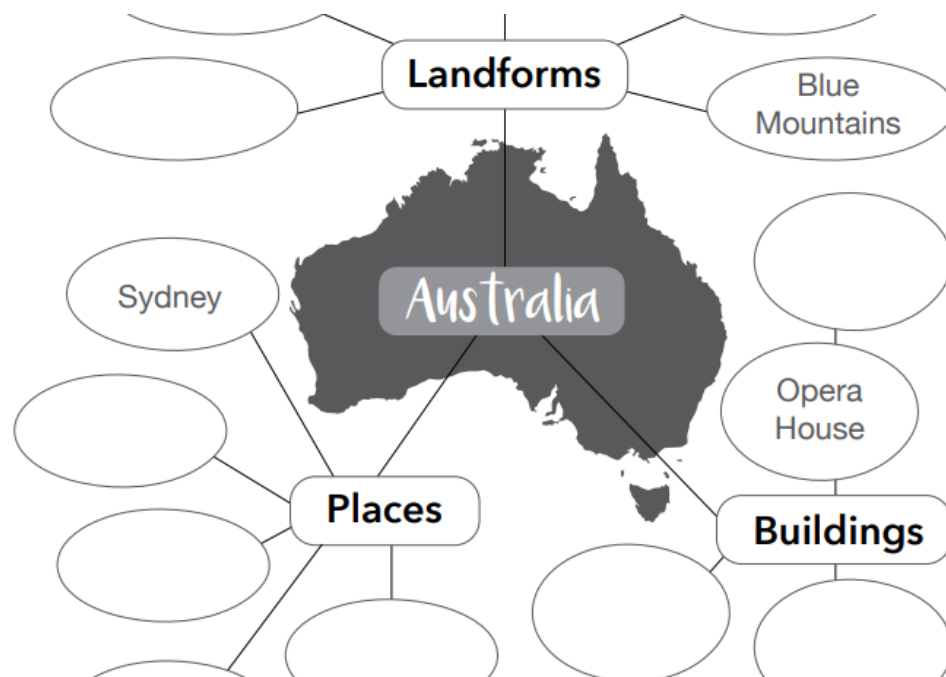
with Mrs Jones and Mrs Dower



What makes Australia special?



Activity 1



Australia is special for its landforms, places and buildings.

Landforms include: the Blue Mountains, Uluru and Cradle Mountain.

Places include: Sydney, Melbourne and the Gold Coast.

Buildings include: the Opera house, Royal Exhibition House, Melbourne and Queen Victoria Building, Sydney.

Today we are going to look at one famous landform and one famous building in Australia.

You will need to read and answer the comprehension questions

to complete activity

Uluru is a large sandstone rock formation in the Northern Territory. It changes colour during the day depending on how the sun shines on it. Sometimes it looks brown, other times it looks red. Uluru is 348 metres high and most of the rock is below the ground. It has been a significant landmark to Aboriginal people and thought to be formed during the Dreaming. Geologists think Uluru is more than 500 million years old. It started underwater then became part sand and part rock.



Activity 1

Queen Victoria Building – The QVB

The Queen Victoria Building (QVB) was built in 1898 to replace the original Sydney Markets. Elaborate Romanesque architecture was chosen for the grand building. There was a concert hall, coffee shops, showrooms and warehouses inside. The QVB faced demolition (wreck/break down) 3 times but now is the most prestigious shopping arcades.



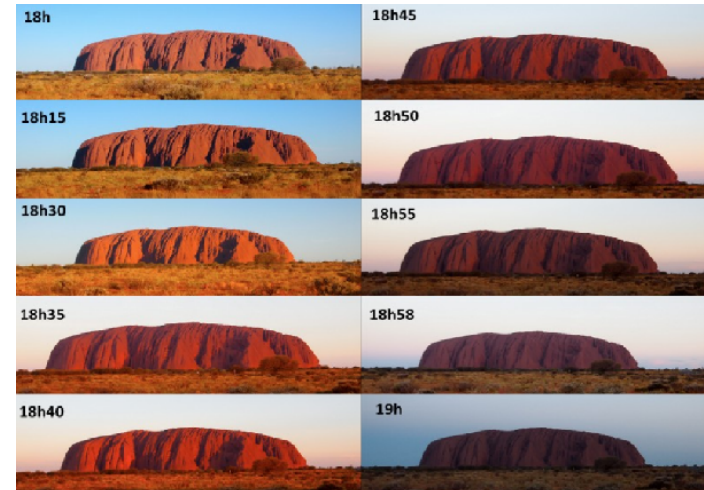
The Royal Automata Clock in the heart of the QVB chimes on the hour between 9am to 9pm daily. There is a letter written by Queen Elizabeth II that is sealed and hidden somewhere just above the central dome. It is to be opened and read by the future lord mayor of Sydney in 2085. No one knows what is written in the letter.

Activity 1

Comprehension Questions

Uluru

1. How did Uluru form?
2. Why does Uluru change colour?
3. What do you think makes Uluru special?



QVB

1. What was the QVB used for?

2. Which words would you use to describe the building?

grand classical modern simple Romanesque urban

3. What do you think makes the QVB special or interesting?

Activity 2

Persuasive - exposition

For activity 2, you will be writing a persuasive text on what makes Australia special. Your topic will be either:

The landmarks such as Uluru make Australia special.

or

**The buildings such as the Queen Victoria Building make
Australia special.**

We have done a lot of persuasive writing this year. Don't forget OREO and your modality words. Here are some words to help you.

Firstly	In conclusion	strongly believe	In comparison
must	absolutely	probably	should

Wednesday

Greetings



Today we are going to be learning about places. Take a look at the inquiry questions on the right and answer them below.

Where do I live?

What features does it have?

Definitions

inquiry: asking for information.

features: interesting or important parts of something.

Inquiry Questions

What are places like?



Where do I live?

What features does it have?



Thursday

Today we are going to watch a video all about places. Your job is to listen to the information and answer the questions below. Tip: You will need to use a dictionary for this activity.

Copy & Paste the link below to watch this video!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOPvMmTAUAQ>

- 1) Name the largest desert in Australia? _____
- 2) What is the name of the largest coral reef in the world? _____

3) What is the name of the sacred rock formation that can be found in the centre of Australia? As a bonus can you find the name of the State or Territory where this rock is found? Tip: you will need to search for this bonus information on your own. _____

4) We have looked at some new words today that we can now add to our vocabulary! Use your dictionary or your search engine to find the meanings of these words.

a) continent _____

b) country _____

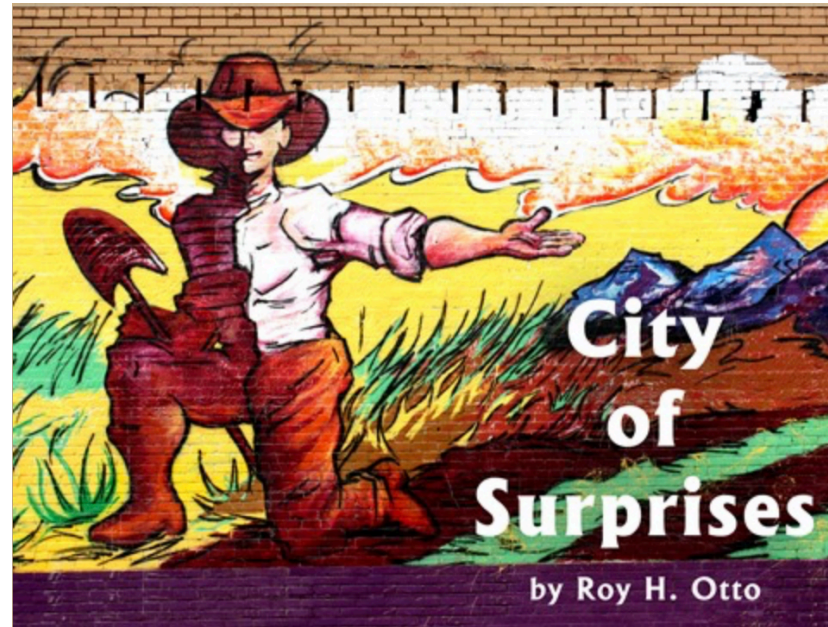
c) coast _____

d) outback _____

e) desert _____

Friday

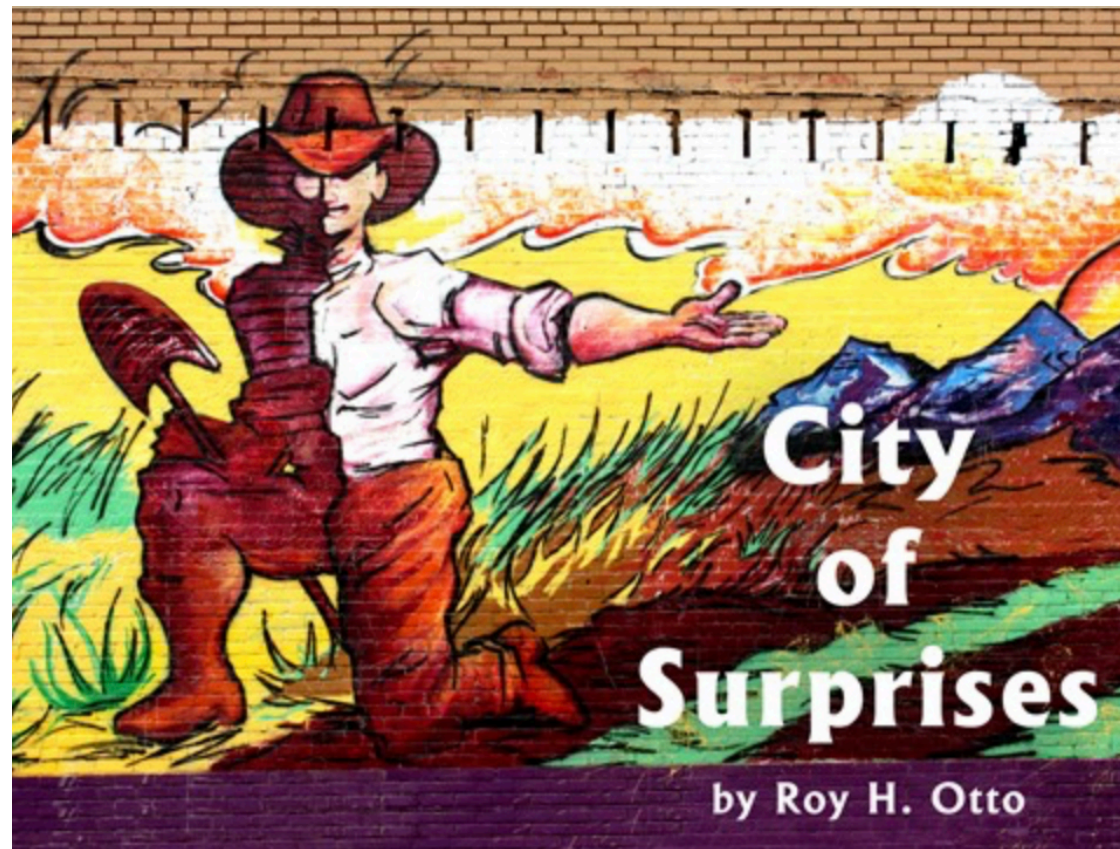
Today we are going to read a text titled City of Surprises written by Roy Otto. You can choose to have the book read to you or you can read it yourself. If you can find an adult or sibling to read to that would be great too! If you do not have a device a copy of this text can be found at the end of this document. Enjoy!



<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/unite/community/book?BookId=1266>

Text: City of Surprises

Friday week 6





Our city is full of surprises. Outdoors, indoors, all year long we can find new ways to enjoy the place where we all live.



There are also many places to enjoy nature. We can go fishing, explore a natural area or watch a beautiful sunset.



We like to find places where we can play outdoors. We can join a sports team, ride our bikes on the trails or play in the parks.



Our city has lots of active indoor fun too. We can swim, slide or play in the gyms at our recreation centers.



We like to learn about our city's proud history. We can play in the living history village or visit a museum.



Our city has special times to get to know our neighbors. We can meet friends at cultural celebrations or help with festivals in the park.



We can find so many fun ways to learn and play. It is no surprise that we love our city!

