

INTRODUCTION

This resource focuses on the physical geography of Australia, the states, territories and Australia's famous landmarks.

Here is a list of the outcomes this resource meets in the Australian Curriculum (ACARA).

Outcomes

ACARA & NSW Codes

Representation of Australia as states and territories, and Australia's major natural and human features including its different people groups.	ACHASSK114 (5)
Discuss Australia's natural resources and views on sustainability.	ACHASSK066 (3)
Discuss some of Australia's environmental characteristics and how does this affect the people who live there.	ACHASSK089 (4)
Describes some of the custodial responsibility Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have for Country/Place, and how this influences views about sustainability	GE2-1 (Stage 1)
Explores the impact of bushfires and floods on the environment and communities, and how people can respond.	GE2-2 (Stage 2)
	GE3-3 (Stage 3)

These notebooking pages are to be used with the resource:

- [*Discover Downunder—An Australian Geography Book For Kids* © 2013](#)

You will find that many notebooking pages correspond to pages in the above book.

- The [*Australia Traveller's Map Journal*](#) is needed to use with these Discovery Pages.
- A general atlas, Google Maps and Google Earth can really help your children get a perspective of Australia. After seeing the Google Earth image of Australia you will understand the term 'Red Centre'.

Map Work

Children are asked to draw the major rivers on their map. Please get them to use a lead pencil first and then they can trace over their markings in blue.

On the state and territory Discovery Pages I have included a floral emblem and a flag for your *Australia Traveller's Map Journal*. Cut them out and glue them to sections of your map. Discuss the significance of these map markers with your children before you place them on the map.

Make a Notebook

After reading from *Discover Downunder* have your child make some notes on the notebooking pages. Extra notebooking pages have been made to cover a range of geography topics. I have included the general topics that you would want to cover for a basic overview of Australian geography. They can also make extra entries if desired. The pages could include narrations of the books they read, field trip accounts, poems, songs and personal reflections.

I hope you enjoy using the *Downunder Geography Discovery Pages*.

Michelle

Australian Geography Notebooking Pages

Sample Pages



Australian Geography Notebooking Pages


Reading & Notebook Schedule

	Notebooking Page
Discover Downunder	
Australian Geography p. 4	5
Exploring the World of Maps p. 5	6
Seasonal weather and Climate Zones p. 6	7
The Island Continent p. 8	8
The Great Dividing Range p. 9	9
NSW p. 10	10
ACT p. 11	11
VIC p. 12	12
Bass Strait p. 13	13
TAS p. 14	14
SA p.15	15
WA p.16	16
NT p. 17	17
QLD p. 18	18
Australian External Territories p. 19	19
The Great Artesian Basin p. 20	20
Lakes and Rivers p. 21	21
Wetlands p. 22	22
Murray Darling Basin p. 23	23
The Snowy Mountain Scheme & Renewable energy p. 24	24
Mining p. 25	25
Volcanoes & Earthquakes p.26	26
Wildflowers p. 27	27
Agriculture - Our land p. 28	28
Agriculture - Our Produce p. 29	29
World Heritage Sites - Islands and Reefs p. 30	30
World Heritage Sites - Rainforest and Wilderness p.32	31
On Country p.32	32

Map Work Checklist

Australia and the World

Tick when you find these places ✓	
Canberra (Capital of Australia)	
Tropic of Capricorn	
East Timor	
Indonesia	
Papua New Guinea	
South Pacific Island Group (Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia)	
New Zealand	
Antarctica	
Indian Ocean	
Timor Sea	
Arafura Sea	
Coral Sea	
Pacific Ocean	
Tasman Sea	



You will need to use a world map to find some of these places.

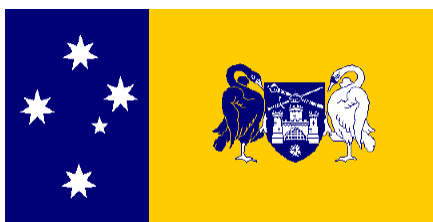


Find Canberra on the map and colour in Parliament House

Find the Population Of Australia

Stamp & Flag

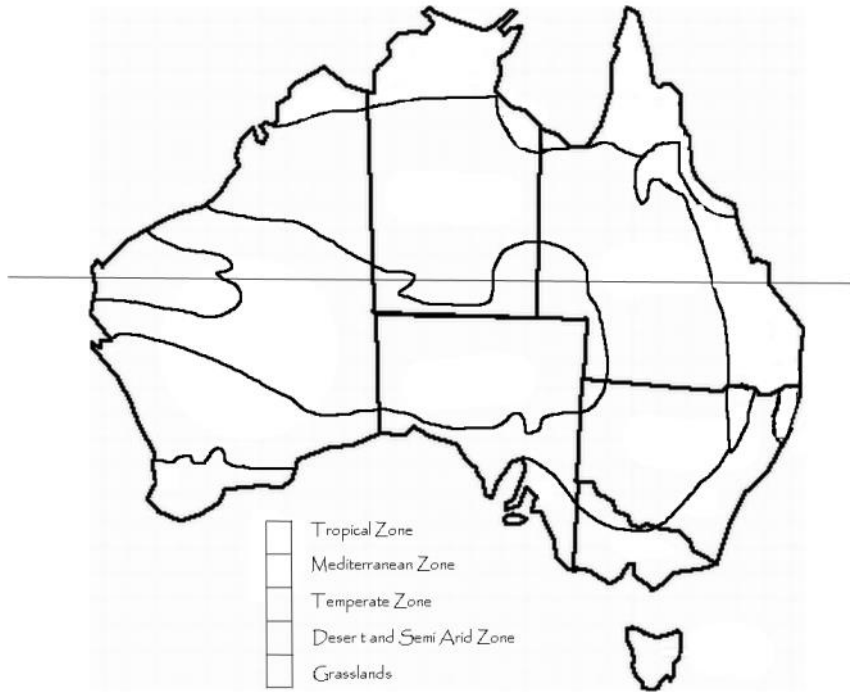
Cut out and place on map.



Map Markers

- Act Flag
- Australia Flag
- Australia Floral Emblem—Golden Wattle
- ACT Floral Emblem—Royal Bluebell

Seasonal Weather & Climate Zones



Mark out the Climate Zones in Australia



**The Snowy Mountain Ranges &
Renewable Energy**



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