

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify key geographical features of Australia and understand their significance.

## Materials and Prep

- Map of Australia
- Pen and paper
- Access to the Australian Curriculum for Year 8 Geography

Prior knowledge of basic geography concepts is helpful but not required.

## Activities

- **Mapping Australia:** Use the map of Australia to label and color different geographical features such as deserts, mountains, and rivers.
- **Research Project:** Choose a famous Australian landmark and create a short presentation highlighting its importance and unique characteristics.
- **Geography Quiz:** Create a quiz with questions about Australian geography and challenge a family member or friend to test their knowledge.

## Talking Points

- **Australia's Size:** "Did you know that Australia is the sixth-largest country in the world by land area?"
- **The Outback:** "The Australian Outback is a vast, remote area known for its arid landscapes and unique wildlife."
- **Great Barrier Reef:** "The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system and can even be seen from space!"
- **Indigenous Cultures:** "Australia is home to diverse Indigenous cultures that have lived on the continent for thousands of years."
- **Climate Variability:** "From tropical rainforests to arid deserts, Australia experiences a wide range of climates due to its size and geography."