

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to identify and label the states of Australia on a map, mark their favorite locations, and understand basic compass directions using natural phenomena. They will also share stories from travels in Australia, enhancing their storytelling skills and geographical knowledge.

Materials and Prep

- Blank map of Australia (can be drawn or printed)
- Pencil or colored markers
- Compass (can be drawn as well)
- Notebook or paper for storytelling notes

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with the states of Australia and any personal stories or experiences related to the locations you will discuss.

Activities

- **Map Marking:** The student will take a blank map of Australia and label each state. They will also mark their favorite locations, such as cities, landmarks, or natural wonders they know about.
- **Compass Drawing:** The student will draw a compass rose on their map and label the cardinal directions (North, South, East, West). They will discuss how the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, using this knowledge to understand directions.
- **Storytelling Session:** The student will take turns sharing stories from their travels in Australia. They can write down notes or key points to help them remember what they want to say.

Talking Points

- "Can you name the states of Australia? Let's see how many you can remember!"
- "What are some of your favorite places in Australia? Why do you like them?"
- "Let's draw a compass! Where does the sun rise and set? How does that help us find directions?"
- "Did you know that the wind can help us understand weather patterns? What direction does the wind usually come from in your area?"
- "What stories do you remember from your travels? What was the most exciting place you visited?"
- "How do you think maps help us? Can you think of a time when you used a map?"
- "Why is it important to know where places are on a map? How can it help us in our daily lives?"
- "What animals or plants do you think are unique to Australia? Have you seen any of them?"
- "How do you think people used to navigate before compasses and maps were invented?"

looking at a map of Australia and marking states accordingly and labelling favourite and known locations. drawing a compass and discussing directions using natural phenomena such as sun rise/set and seasonal wind directions. story telling from previous travels to parts of Australia. / Lesson Planner / LearningCorner.co

- "What would you like to learn about Australia next? Maybe we can plan another fun lesson!"