

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will gain a comprehensive understanding of Ayers Rock (Uluru), its significance to First Nations people, the history of its exploration, and how to express this knowledge through art, writing, and music.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper and colored pencils or markers for art activities
- Notebook for writing activities
- Access to a computer or tablet for research (if available)
- Musical instruments (if available) or access to a music app
- Map of Australia (can be drawn or printed)
- Books or articles about Ayers Rock and First Nations culture (if available)

## Activities

- **Art Activity: Create Your Own Ayers Rock**

The student will draw or paint a picture of Ayers Rock, focusing on its unique colors and shapes. They can include elements that represent the First Nations culture, such as symbols or stories.

- **Writing Activity: Explorer's Journal**

The student will write a journal entry from the perspective of an early explorer who first saw Ayers Rock. They should describe their feelings and observations, incorporating facts they learned about the site.

- **Music Activity: Create a Song**

The student will write a short song or poem about Ayers Rock and its importance to the First Nations people. They can use any musical instruments they have or create a simple melody.

- **Research Activity: First Nations Stories**

The student will research and summarize a story or legend from the First Nations people regarding Ayers Rock. They can present this story in a creative way, such as through a puppet show or a short skit.

- **Mapping Activity: Locate Ayers Rock**

The student will use a map to locate Ayers Rock in Australia and mark important features or landmarks nearby. They can also draw a simple map showing how they would travel there.

## Talking Points

- "Ayers Rock is also known as Uluru. It is a giant rock formation in the heart of Australia and is very special to the Aboriginal people."

- "The First Nations people have lived in Australia for thousands of years and have many stories about Uluru. Can you imagine what it would be like to hear those stories?"
- "When the first explorers came to Australia, they were amazed by Uluru's size and beauty. What do you think they felt when they saw it for the first time?"
- "Uluru changes color at different times of the day. What colors do you think you would see if you were there at sunrise or sunset?"
- "The Aboriginal people have a deep connection to the land. They believe that Uluru is a living part of their culture. How do you think that affects their way of life?"
- "Exploring new places can be exciting! If you could explore anywhere in the world, where would you want to go and why?"