

Australian Studies

Know Your Australia

Suitable age group: 10 and older

There will be more printable quizzes as time goes along.



Idea: these may be given as short research assignments.... students could choose one of the topics upon which to give a 2-3 minute talk. (Solutions on page that follows quiz).

Australian Quiz 1

- 1.** I am an Australian inland explorer. I travelled overland from Melbourne to the Gulf of Carpentaria with my accomplice Robert O'Hara Burke. Who am I?
- 2.** I am a mammal found in Australia's outback. I arrived in Australia from SE Asia 3500-4000 years ago. My most common colour is yellow-ginger. What am I?
- 3.** I am one of Australia's most valuable exports. I am mainly found in rocks more than 600 million years old. 95% of my Australian production is in WA. What am I?
- 4.** I was born Helen Mitchell in 1861. Appointed Dame Grand Cross of the British Empire in 1927 I was the first Australian to appear on the cover of Time magazine. Who am I?
- 5.** I am a large town/ small city in outback Australia. Home to a large rodeo in August I am one of the largest producers of both lead and silver in the Western world. I am?
- 6.** I am an island situated 112 km from a major Australian city. With a population of about 4 000 I am Australia's 3rd largest island after Tasmania and Melville Island. I am ...?
- 7.** Rising 546 m above the surrounding plain I am a group of 36 large domed rock formations in the NT. My aboriginal name means 'many heads'. I am.....?
- 8.** Born on the Grenfell goldfields in 1867 I became famous for my Australian bush ballads. I was depicted on early versions of the Australian \$10 note. Who am I?
- 9.** I am a reptile found in areas of northern Australia. My length can be up to one metre. A large ruff of skin attached to my neck flares out when I'm frightened. I am...?
- 10.** I am an Australian wild flower. I have a covering of fine coloured hairs. My red and green variety became the floral emblem of Western Australia in 1960. What is my name?



Solutions to Australian Quiz 1

1. *William John Wills*
2. *dingo*
3. *iron ore*
4. *Dame Nellie Melba*
5. *Mt Isa*
6. *Kangaroo Island*
7. *Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)*
8. *Henry Lawson*
9. *frill-necked lizard*
10. *kangaroo paw*