



Assessment Rubric



Australia



Student's Name: _____ Assignment: _____ Level: _____

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Understanding Concepts	Demonstrates a limited understanding of the concepts. Requires teacher intervention.	Demonstrates a basic understanding of the concepts.	Demonstrates a good understanding of the concepts.	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the concepts.
Response to the Text	Expresses responses to the text with limited effectiveness, inconsistently supported by proof from the text	Expresses responses to the text with some effectiveness, supported by some proof from the text	Expresses responses to the text with appropriate skills, supported with appropriate proof	Expresses thorough and complete responses to the text, supported by concise and effective proof from the text
Analysis & Application of Concepts	Interprets and applies various concepts in the text with few, unrelated details and incorrect analysis	Interprets and applies various concepts in the text with some detail, but with some inconsistent analysis	Interprets and applies various concepts in the text with appropriate detail and analysis	Effectively interprets and applies various concepts in the text with consistent, clear and effective detail and analysis

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WEAKNESSES:

STRENGTHS:

NEXT STEPS:

NAME: _____



Australia - Place



Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. Why did most of Australia's major cities develop where they did?

4. What are some of Australia's physical characteristics?

Research

5. The aboriginal people of Australia have a long and very interesting history. Research the aboriginal people of Australia using a chart like the one below to collect information.

Facts about aboriginal customs and environment	Facts about aboriginal art	Facts about aboriginal music	Facts about aboriginal language

6. Because it is an island continent, there are many unique wildlife species in Australia. Try to find at least one unique example of each of the following kinds of wildlife. You may also choose to include as many species examples as you can.

Type of Wildlife	Species Name	Appearance	Habitat	Food
mammal				
bird				
reptile				
fish				
insect or spider				



Comprehension Quiz



Part A

Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is true. **Circle** the word **FALSE** if it's false.

- TRUE** **FALSE** a) Australia is in the southern hemisphere.
- TRUE** **FALSE** b) The Pacific Ocean is to the west of Australia.
- TRUE** **FALSE** c) Australia's Outback has many deserts.
- TRUE** **FALSE** d) Lake Eyre is below sea level.
- TRUE** **FALSE** e) There are no subways in Australia's cities.
- TRUE** **FALSE** f) Hobart is on the island of Tasmania.
- TRUE** **FALSE** g) Rabbits have helped the natural environment of Australia.
- TRUE** **FALSE** h) The word rural describes an area in the country or a remote area.

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Part B

Label the map by doing the following:

1. Show the following features on the map by writing the letter on the map in the correct location.
 - a) Indian Ocean
 - b) Pacific Ocean
 - c) Australia
 - d) Tasmania
 - e) New Guinea
2. Color the equator red.



SUBTOTAL: /14

Australia Physical Map

