

Critical Thinking Skills

Australia

Skills For Critical Thinking		Reading Comprehension				
		Location	Place	Human & Environment Interactions	Movement	Regions
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match Show or Label List Information Recall Details (5Ws + H) Find Information 	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe & Compare Summarize Explain Select 	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 3 Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize Information Interview App 	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclude Analyze 	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Create 					✓ ✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate Compare 			✓		✓ ✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



Human/Environment Interactions



Learning about how people affect the environment around them means learning about human and environmental interactions. There are many things that we do that affect our environment. We recycle paper to save trees, but sometimes we harm the habitats of animals with pollution. We work to protect endangered species, but some people continue to kill them. Sometimes we introduce a kind of animal or insect into a place where it did not live before, and this has a bad effect on the environment. When an environment is harsh or changing, we must often adapt to our environment to survive.

One famous human and environmental interaction in Australia occurred when some rabbits were brought from England and released into the wild. These rabbits had many babies, and they spread throughout the continent. Within a few decades, there were millions of rabbits in Australia because no animals were their natural enemies. The rabbits changed the landscape because they ate so much vegetation that winds and water blew or washed away the soil in many places. Rabbit holes and warrens were everywhere! They also became serious pests because they ate crops and the natural vegetation other animals needed to survive. Many scientists believe that some Australian species became extinct because of the rabbits and all the food they ate! There was not enough food left for them to eat!

How did rabbits from England hurt Australia's environment?



The Great Barrier Reef in the Coral Sea is so spectacular that it is a World Heritage Site. That means that people have decided to protect it from destruction. It contains many rare kinds of fish, and a variety of turtles, sharks, and other unusual sea creatures. Australians work to protect the reef from damage caused by ships, too much fishing, and pollution. Their efforts have had a positive effect on the wildlife that lives on the coral reefs.

NAME: _____



Wordsearch



Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

Australia
habitable
aboriginal
wildlife
environment
warren
coral reef

ferry
Outback
sharks
latitude
coast
airport
desert

endangered
vegetation
geographer
impassable
language
longitude
wombats

characteristics
trade
adapt
species
monorail
remote
culture

SAMPLE

w	o	m	b	a	t	s	f	g	h	j	l	l	k	o	k	i	a
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f	e	r	r	y	i	w	p	x	c	e	g	a	u	g	n	a	l
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Australia Outline Map

