

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

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NEXT STEPS:



Australia - Regions

Many interesting things can be seen all over Australia. For instance, Australia has many different regions. Regions are areas of land that can be either large or small, and are described by the features that make each unique. Things like mountains or a rainforest help make a region unique. These are called **physical characteristics**. A region can also be described by the **languages** that people speak there. **Geographers** are interested in regions because regions can change over time.



One of the most famous regions in Australia is the **Outback**. The Outback forms much of central Australia, and is actually made up of many smaller regions. Very few people live there, because there are deserts and other dry areas, and rough, difficult landscapes. Tourist sites like Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, the world's largest rock, and towns like Alice Springs are far from other cities. Famous places in the Outback include the Great Sandy Desert, the below sea level Lake Eyre, and a long mountain range called the Great Divide. The Outback is a **remote** region, filled with many unique plants and animals. Australia's aboriginal peoples can also be found in many areas of the Outback, as well as in Australia's urban areas. There are many different languages spoken, and the culture is rich in stories, art, and music.

SAMPLE



Describe the Australian Outback.

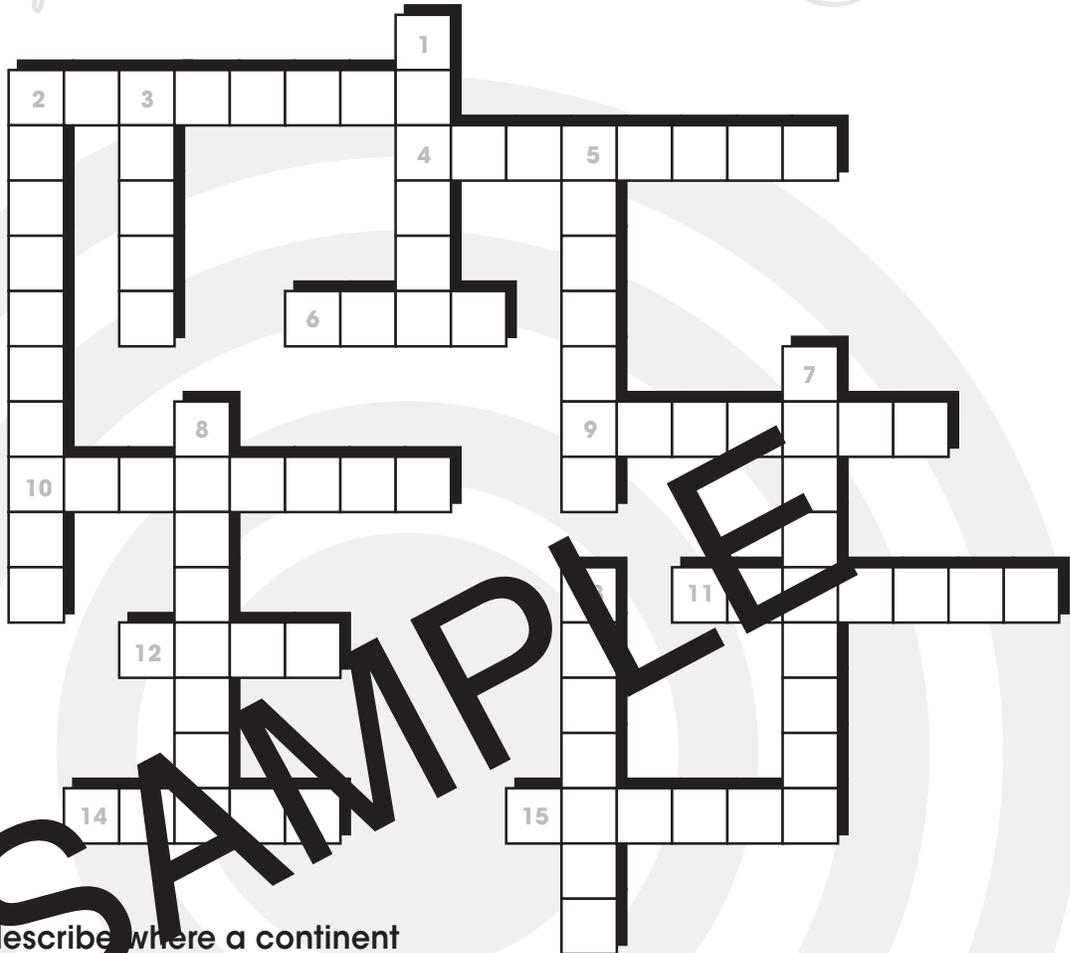
One of Australia's most famous regions isn't on land at all. It is in the sea! The Great Barrier Reef is a large area of **coral reefs** on Australia's northeast coast. The body of water around it is known as the Coral Sea. The Great Barrier Reef is made of the skeletons of dead sea animals like coral. There are many places with very clear water that are home to many kinds of fish. **Sharks** are found throughout the Great Barrier Reef. Although it can be a dangerous place to people and ships, many tourists travel to Australia to see this unique region.



Crossword Puzzle!



- Word List**
- equator
 - islands
 - aboriginal
 - negative
 - extinct
 - kangaroo
 - movement
 - unique
 - south
 - cross
 - reef
 - habitable
 - absolute
 - east
 - remote
 - outback



SAMPLE

Across

- 2 It is difficult to describe where a continent is by using _____ location
- 4 _____ describes how people, products and ideas move from place to place
- 6 The Great Barrier _____ is one of Australia's unique features
- 9 The damage caused by rabbits from England is an example of _____ interaction.
- 10 The damage caused by rabbits from England is an example of a _____ human
- 11 A species is _____ when it no longer exists
- 12 The Pacific Ocean is _____ of Australia
- 14 Absolute location is described by where the lines of latitude and longitude _____
- 15 A region is an area of land with _____ features

Down

- 1 Some areas of Australia are so _____ that highways are not even paved
- 2 Some of Australia's _____ peoples live in the Outback
- 3 Australia is _____ of the equator
- 5 Imaginary line running east-west around the middle of the Earth
- 7 Australia is the world's smallest _____ continent
- 8 An unusual example of Australian wildlife is the _____
- 13 Oceania is a group of many small _____ east and northeast of Australia

Australia World Location Map

