

Sir John Monash Centre Quiz

What do you know about Australia?

1. Circle Australia on the map. How far do you think it is between Australia and the Sir John Monash Centre in France?



There is 15,000km between Australia and France.

2. Which countries are larger in size than Australia?

- Belgium 30,528 km² (11,787 sq mi)
- Canada 9,984,671 km² (3,855,103 sq mi)
- France 643,801 km² (248,573 sq mi)
- Germany 357,376 km² (137,984 sq mi)
- Ireland 70,273 km² (27,133 sq mi)
- Netherlands 41,543 km² (16,040 sq mi)
- New Zealand 268,021 km² (103,483 sq mi)
- South Africa 1,221,037 km² (471,443 sq mi)
- UK 243,610 km² (94,058 sq mi)
- USA 9,833,517 km² (3,796,742 sq mi)

Australia's size is 7,692,024m km² (2,97,000,000 sq mi). For purposes of comparison, here is an image of Europe contained within Australia



<p>3. Which countries have a larger population than Australia?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Belgium 11,371,928 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canada 36,286,378 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> France 64,668,129 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Germany 80,523,746 <input type="checkbox"/> Ireland 4,713,993 <input type="checkbox"/> Netherlands 16,955,444 <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand 4,565,185 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Africa 55,193,919 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK 65,111,143 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USA 324,118,787 <p>Australia's population reached 24 million in 2013, which is about a third the population of the UK and France.</p>
<p>4. What is the main language spoken in Australia?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch <input type="checkbox"/> Australian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <p>English – even though Australia's western coast was originally discovered by the Dutch in 1606!</p>
<p>5. What is the capital city of Australia?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hobart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canberra <input type="checkbox"/> Sydney <input type="checkbox"/> Melbourne <input type="checkbox"/> Alice Springs <p>Canberra – Originally there was a feud between Sydney and Melbourne over which city would be the capital, so Canberra was built mid-way between them as a compromise!</p>
<p>6. Which of the following climates types does Australia not possess?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical <input type="checkbox"/> Desert <input type="checkbox"/> Temperate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arctic <input type="checkbox"/> Equatorial <p>Arctic – Though Australia is predominantly dry, it has a diverse range of climate types.</p>
<p>7. Which one of the following people is not Australian?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Kylie Minogue (Singer) <input type="checkbox"/> Tina Arena (Singer) <input type="checkbox"/> Heath Ledger (Actor) <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Ricciardo (Athlete) <input type="checkbox"/> Mile Jedinak (Athlete) <input type="checkbox"/> Sir John Monash (General) <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Hemsworth (Actor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sir Ian Hamilton (General) <p>Sir Ian Hamilton – Despite being a British general, he commanded the Australian troops on the Gallipoli campaign. Australia, as a Dominion, was part of the Imperial forces led by Britain.</p>

8. Which one of these animals is not native to Australia?	<input type="checkbox"/> Crocodile <input type="checkbox"/> Koala <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cane Toad <input type="checkbox"/> Great White Shark <input type="checkbox"/> Emu <input type="checkbox"/> Echidna <p>Cane Toads. An invasive species introduced by the Queensland Government as a biological control measure in 1935, the cane toad (<i>Bufo marinus</i>) has had a large impact on the local ecosystem.</p>
9. Who are the original inhabitants of Australia?	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who arrived some 50,000 years ago
10. Which of the following historical events happened closest to the date Australia was colonised?	<input type="checkbox"/> The end of the Hundred Years War between England and France (1447) <input type="checkbox"/> Invention of the Printing Press (1450) <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico conquered for Spain (1521) <input type="checkbox"/> Thirty Years War commences in Germany (1618) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall of the Bastille, start of the French revolution (1789) <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning of the Boer War in South Africa (1899)
What do you know about the First World War?	
1. When was the First World War?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1904 <input type="checkbox"/> 1908-1912 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1914-1918 <input type="checkbox"/> 1939-1945
2. Why did the First World War take place? (Write your own response)	<p>This is an complicated question that scholars have discussed for years, but the generally accepted answer is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the crown prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was assassinated by a Serbian nationalist. - The Empire, in response, issued an ultimatum to Serbia to submit or face war. - Russia decided to intervene, declaring it would guarantee Serbia's independence. - Austria declared war anyway. - France honoured its alliance with Russia and declared war on Austria. - Germany honoured its alliance with Austria and declared war on Russia and France. - Germany wanted to defeat France quickly, so it invaded Belgium to get around French defensive positions. - Britain guaranteed Belgium's independence so Britain declared war on Germany. - The British Empire, including Australia and India, were automatically brought into the war along with Britain.
3. Were there any European countries that did not fight in the First World War? If so, which ones?	Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Spain and Switzerland were the only European countries not involved in the First World War. All others were involved in the fighting.
4. Where did fighting take place in the First World War?	The First World War was truly a global conflict. Battles were fought over German colonies in Africa, while warships engaged in Asia. Campaigns against the Ottomans took place in the Middle East, and large sections of Russia saw fighting. The Italian border with the Austro-Hungarian mountains was also the scene of particularly bloody conflict, but the most commonly remembered theatre of the war was the Western Front in France – though Gallipoli has a special resonance for Australia in particular.

<p>5. What form did the fighting take in the First World War?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guns <input type="checkbox"/> Bows and arrows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grenades <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopters <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tanks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aeroplanes <input type="checkbox"/> Poison darts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poison gas <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear bombs <input type="checkbox"/> Trebuchets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trench warfare <p>Guns, grenades, tanks, aeroplanes and poison gas were all used in the First World War. Tanks, aeroplanes and gas were first used to large-scale effect during this conflict. Special mention should go to trench warfare and underground mining – while these techniques had seen service to varying degrees throughout Europe’s history, the combination of indirect artillery, barbed wire and machine guns made entrenched positions uniquely lethal – so much so that one of the few effective ways to break a trench was by tunnelling below to plant underground explosives.</p>
What do you know about Australia’s involvement in the First World War?	
<p>1. Why do you think Australia was involved in the First World War?</p>	<p>Australia was involved because, as a Dominion of the British Empire, it did not maintain an independent foreign policy. If Britain was at war, so was Australia.</p>
<p>2. How many Australians fought in the First World War?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Around 4,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Around 40,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Around 400,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Around 4,000,000 <p>416,809 Australians enlisted in the First World War, or nearly 10 per cent of the population.</p>
<p>3. How many Australians died in the First World War?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 900 <input type="checkbox"/> 6,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 40,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60,000 <p>60,000 Australians died in the war – and 156,000 more were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner. That means fewer than one in two men who enlisted came home unscathed.</p> <p>Australia at the time had a population of 5 million which meant that nearly 5 per cent of the entire population died or was wounded in the war. For this reason, they became known as The Lost Generation.</p>
<p>4. Where did Australians fight in the First World War?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Australia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belgium <input type="checkbox"/> England <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> France <input type="checkbox"/> Germany <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Guinea <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand <input type="checkbox"/> Russia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Middle East
<p>5. Which side did Australia fight on?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Quadruple Entente <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Allies <input type="checkbox"/> The Central Powers <input type="checkbox"/> The Western Group