

Questionnaire

What do you know about Australia?

- 1- Circle Australia on the map. What is the distance between Australia and the Sir John Monash Centre in France?



The distance between Australia and France is 15,000km.

- 2- Which countries have a larger surface area than Australia?
- Canada – 9,984,671 km²
 - France – 643,801 km²
 - Germany – 357,376 km²
 - Netherlands – 41,543 km²
 - New Zealand – 268,021 km²
 - South Africa – 1,221,037 km²
 - UK – 243,610 km²
 - USA – 9,833,517 km²

Australia's surface is 7,692,024km². For purposes of comparison, here is an image of Europe contained within Australia.



- 3- Which countries have a larger population than Australia?
- Canada – 36,286,378 inhabitants
 - France – 64,668,129 inhabitants
 - Germany – 80,523,746 inhabitants
 - Netherlands – 16,955,444 inhabitants
 - New Zealand – 4,565,185 inhabitants
 - South Africa – 55,193,919 inhabitants
 - UK – 65,111,143 inhabitants
 - USA – 324,118,787 inhabitants

Australia's population reached 25 million in 2019, which is a third of the population of UK or France.

- 4- What is Australia's official language?
- Dutch
 - Australian
 - English
 - French
 - Spanish

English – Even though Australia's western coast was originally discovered by the Dutch in 1606!

- 5- What is the capital city of Australia?

Canberra is Australia's capital city. When Australia became a federated nation in 1901, Sydney and Melbourne disagreed over which city would be the capital, so Canberra was built half-way between Sydney and the Victorian State border as a compromise.

- 6- Which of the following climates does not exist in Australia?
- Tropical
 - Desert
 - Temperate
 - Arctic
 - Equatorial

Arctic – Though Australia is predominantly dry, it has a diverse range of climates.

- 7- Which one of the following people is not Australian?
- Kylie Minogue
 - Heath Ledger
 - Daniel Ricciardo
 - Sir John Monash
 - Chris Hemsworth
 - Sir Ian Hamilton

Sir Ian Hamilton – Despite being a British general, he commanded the Australian troops during the Gallipoli campaign. Australia, as a Dominion, was part of the Imperial forces led by Britain.

8- Which one of these animals is not native to Australia?

- Crocodile
- Koala
- Cane Toad
- Great White Shark
- Emu
- Echidna

Cane toads. An invasive species introduced by the Queensland Government as a biological control measure in 1935, the cane toad (*Bufo marinus*) has had a large impact on the local ecosystem.

9- Who are the original inhabitants of Australia?

They are 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?

- The end of the Hundred Years' War between England and France (1447)
- Invention of the Printing Press (1450)
- Mexico conquered by Spain (1521)
- Thirty Years War commences in Germany (1618)
- Fall of the Bastille, start of the French revolution (1789)
- 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?

- o 1914-1918

2- Why did the First World War take place? (*Write your own response*)

This is a complicated question that scholars have discussed for years, but the generally accepted answer is:

- Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the crown prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was assassinated by a Serbian nationalist.
- The Austro-Hungarian Empire, in response, issued an ultimatum to Serbia to submit or face war.
- Russia decided to intervene, declaring it would guarantee Serbia's independence.
- The Austro-Hungarian Empire declared war anyway.
- France honoured its alliance with Russia and declared war on the Austro-Hungarian Empire.
- Germany honoured its alliance with the Austro-Hungarian Empire 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 colonies of the British Empire were brought into the war by association with Britain, though Australia followed voluntarily.

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.

4- Name countries where the fighting took place during 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.

5- Which of these weapons were used in the First World War?

- Guns
- Bows and arrows
- Grenades
- Helicopters
- Tanks
- Aeroplanes
- Poison darts
- Poison gas
- Nuclear bombs
- Trebuchets
- Trench Warfare

Guns, grenades, tanks, aeroplanes and poison gas were all used in the First World War. Tanks, aeroplanes and gas were first used on industrial scale during this conflict. Special mention should go to trench warfare and underground mining – while these techniques had seen used 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

What do you know about Australia's involvement in the First World War?

- 1- Why do you think Australia was involved in the First World War?

Australia was a Dominion of the British Empire, and as such, when Britain declared war, Australia chose to follow.

During the war, Australia and Newfoundland were the only nations to have forces composed entirely of volunteers. In 1916 and in 1917, Australia held two conscription referendums, both of which were defeated.

- 2- How many Australians fought in the First World War?
- Approx. 4,000
 - Approx. 40,000
 - Approx. 400,000
 - Approx. 4,000,000

416,809 Australians enlisted in the First World War, or nearly 10 per cent of the population. Among them were 295,000 Australians who fought on the Western Front.

- 3- How many Australians died in the First World War?
- Approx. 900
 - Approx. 6,000
 - Approx. 40,000
 - Approx. 60,000

60,000 Australians died in the war, 46,000 on the Western Front– and 156,000 more were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner. That means fewer than one in two men who enlisted came home unscathed.

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”.

- 4- Where did Australians fight in the First World War?
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- 5- Which side did Australia fight on?
- The Quadruple Entente
 - The Allies
 - The Central Powers
 - The Western Group