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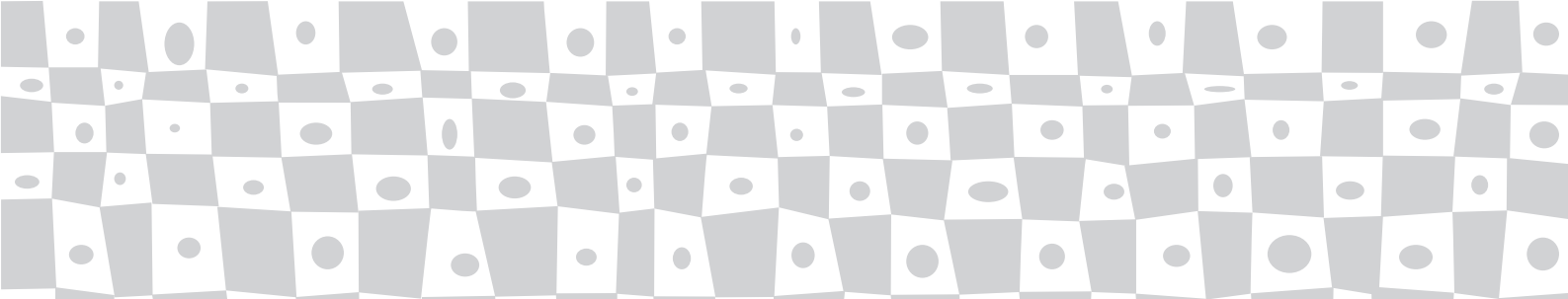
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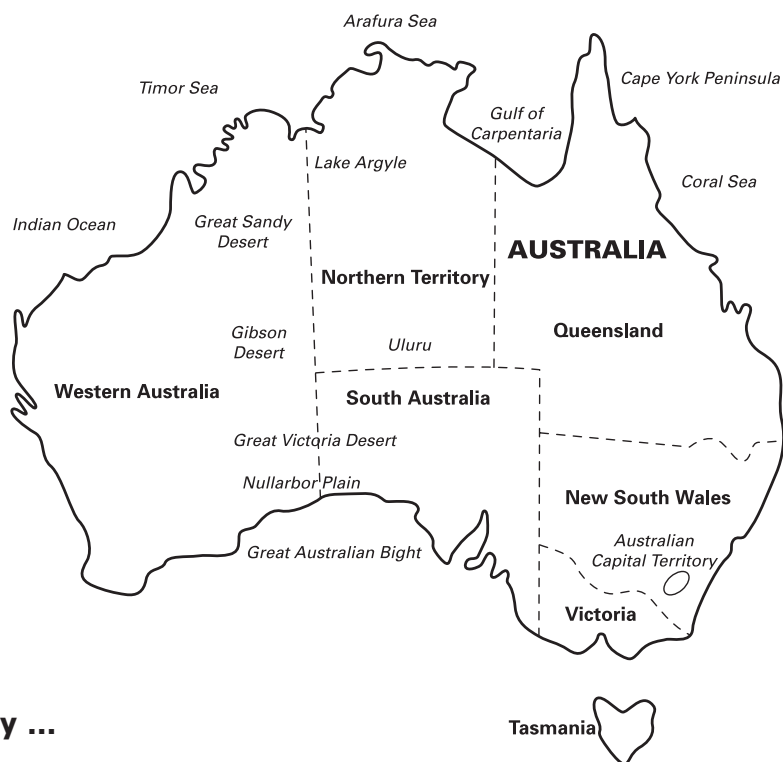
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Name _____

Studying States



Find a similarity ...

- between Tasmania and Western Australia. _____
Find two other states with this same characteristic. _____
- between Western Australia and South Australia. _____
Name one more state with a similar characteristic. _____
- between Victoria and Tasmania. _____
- between New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory _____
- between Alaska and Texas _____

Find a difference ...

- between Tasmania and Northern Territory. _____
- between populations in Western Australia and Victoria. _____
- between living in Queensland and living in Tasmania _____

Think about the different regions of Australia. Underline the one item in the following group that is not a characteristic of a region: government, geography, climate, tradition, history

What makes Tasmania different from all the other states? _____

Challenge!

What state or territory is bordered by only one other state? _____

What state or territory is bordered by five other states? _____

What state or territory shares its border with the most other states? _____



Name _____

Prime Minister Portraits

The office of prime minister is the highest political office in a Commonwealth country. As leader of the country, this person has the power to command the armed forces, conduct foreign and internal affairs and recommend legislation.

Below are some facts about some prime ministers of Australia and New Zealand. What conclusion can you draw from the facts? The first one is done for you.

1. Gough Whitlam was renowned for his arrogance and enormous ego. Andrew Peacock was scorned for his attention to his personal appearance.

Conclusion: People's personal characteristics sometimes overshadow their achievements.

2. Many prime ministers did not come from privileged families. Edmund Barton was one of nine children in a struggling family. Andrew Fisher began working in a coal mine at the age of nine.

Conclusion: _____

3. Arthur Fadden presented a roughneck image. George Reid was described as overweight and ugly. Billy Hughes had prominent 'bat' ears.

Conclusion: _____

4. John Watson was only 37 years old when he became prime minister; George Reid was 59.

Conclusion: _____

5. Alfred Deakin was considered eccentric because of his interest in spiritualism. Billy Hughes was a staunch Trade Unionist.

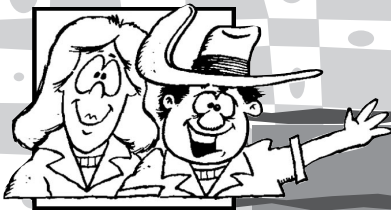
Conclusion: _____

6. Jenny Shipley (National Party) and Helen Clark (Labour Party) have both been prime ministers of New Zealand. Margaret Thatcher was prime minister of Great Britain.

Conclusion: _____

Challenge!

Up to and including John Howard's term as leader, all Australia's prime ministers have shared a common characteristic. What is it?



Name _____

Predicting Leaders

For the topic 'what makes a good leader?', each person on the debate team put together their ideas and presented a biographical sketch of a fictitious leader.

1. **Adam Jones** – Although Jones was deeply saddened by the war, he did not want his country broken apart.
2. **George Polakis** – made good decisions, but he was unpopular. He crusaded for an end to racial discrimination. Although he was ethically correct about issues, he failed to rally support.
3. **Ryan Reardon** – inspired people. He was slow to decide but sure in his final decision. He realised the importance of being a leader in a completely new era.
4. **Mark Smith** – Smith believed in freedom and liberty. He advocated religious freedom and supported education. Under Smith's leadership, everyone was required to attend school until they turned 16.
5. **Helen Tanner** – Tanner took decisive action in spite of complications. She made the decision to go to war even though popular opinion was divided.
6. **James Harris** – Harris brought into government many of his mates who either had limited abilities or questionable characters.

After studying the personality profiles above, use each newspaper headline and corresponding reason to predict the leader who might be affiliated with each one if they were in office today. Write the number on the line to identify the correct leader.

Challenge!

Headline

Reason

Rigid Gun Control Enacted	made good decisions in spite of problems	_____
Bribes China to Avoid War	made unpopular decisions	_____
Prime Minister Involved in Scandal	had poor judgement	_____
Awards to Minorities & Disabled	supported minorities and disabled	_____
Government Funds City in Space	was willing to walk on untrodden ground	_____
Mandates Year-Round School	believed in education	_____
National Lottery Rigged	employed dishonest aides	_____
Keeps Western Australia as Part of Australia	did not want Australia to disintegrate	_____
Health Benefits for All	believed in supporting less fortunate	_____

Which leader might be forced to step down because of criminal involvement? _____
