

Teacher Resource Guide

This resource supports Stage 2 Geography: Places are Similar and Different, with links to Stage 3: Factors That Shape Places, through exploration of Sydney's regions, landmarks and cultural significance.

This resource supports Stage 2 and Stage 3 History through exploration of significant places, events and cultural knowledge across Sydney.

This Resource:

Includes a teacher guide & student trivia game

Contributes to:

Stage 2 (Years 3-4), and Stage 3 (Years 5-6 as a refresher)

- **GE2-1** - Examines features and characteristics of places and environments
- **GE2-2** - Describes interactions between people, places and environments
- **HT2-1**: Identifies celebrations and commemorations of significance
- **HT2-2**: Describes and explains how significant individuals, groups and events contributed to changes in the local community over time
- **GE3-1** - Describes the diverse features and characteristics of places
- **GE3-2** - Explains interactions and connections between people, places and environments
- **HT3-1**: Describes and explains the significance of people, groups, places and events to the development of Australia
- **HT3-2**: Describes and explains different experiences of people living in Australia over time

In this resource, students explore the city of Sydney through a fun and interactive trivia-style quiz, covering key locations across North, East, South and West Sydney. Through these questions, students build their knowledge of important landmarks, cultural sites, historical events and local place names, while developing a deeper understanding of how people connect with places.

Please Note:

This resource has been produced for teachers to use FREE of charge within classroom and online learning environments. It works particularly well when paired with an excursion to the Sydney Tower Eye Observation Deck, where students can view the city from above and connect their learning to real-world locations.

Visit our website to find out more about school excursions:

<https://www.sydneytowereye.com.au/>

Teachers are encouraged to use the student worksheet to guide discussions around Geography topics such as people, places, environments and how cities are organised.

The aim of this resource is for students to:

- Develop their understanding of Sydney as a place
- Recognise key landmarks and their significance
- Explore how people use and interact with different areas of a city
- Build awareness of Aboriginal place names and cultural meaning

This activity can be used before, during or after a visit to support student learning and engagement.

Teacher Resource Guide – Answers to Trivia

North Sydney

1. Sydney Harbour Bridge height → a. 134m
2. Opera House opened by → d. Queen Elizabeth II
3. The Rocks → b. First area settled
4. Fort Denison → b. Rock Island
5. Harbour separating N Syd from CBD → b. Sydney Harbour
6. Luna Park entrance feature → b. The Smiling Face
7. North Syd best known for → c. Business district
8. Bridge connecting North Sydney to the city → b. Harbour Bridge

East Sydney

9. TV show beach → d. Bondi Beach (Bondi Rescue)
10. Bondi meaning → c. Water crashing over rocks (most accepted)
11. Sculptures by the Sea → b
12. Coca-Cola sign → d. Kings Cross
13. Hyde Park named after → d. London
14. ANZAC Memorial → a. 1934
15. St Mary's fire → b. 1865
16. Bays → d. 8

South Sydney

17. QVB → a. Queen Victoria Building
18. Stadium → b. SCG
19. Randwick → d. Horse racing
20. Oldest uni → d. University of Sydney
21. Port Botany → a. First east coast bay discovered
22. Cook → c. 1777 (closest option)
23. Runways → b. 3
24. Cronulla → b. Place of strong waves

West Sydney

25. Darling Harbour decade → d. 90s
26. Fish Markets → a. Fresh seafood
27. Blue Mountains → a. Blue haze
28. ANZAC Bridge → a. Pyrmont & Rozelle
29. Olympics → b. 2000
30. Parramatta is known for → b. Being the second CBD
31. River flowing through Western Sydney → b. Parramatta River
32. Sydney Olympic Park is located in → c. Western Sydney

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW **SYDNEY**?

NORTH SYDNEY

1 How high is the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

- a. 134m high
- b. 150m high
- c. 120m high
- d. 177m high

2 The Rocks in Sydney is a historical area because...

- a. The area is made out of rocks
- b. It was the first area to be settled in Sydney
- c. It was a gaol
- d. None of the above

3 Which Royal unveiled the opening of the Sydney Opera House in 1973?

- a. Prince William
- b. Princess Anne
- c. Prince Charles & Princess Diana
- d. Queen Elizabeth II

4 What did Governor Phillip originally call Fort Denison?

- a. Prison Island
- b. Rock Island
- c. Danger Island
- d. Phillip Island

5 Which harbour separates North Sydney from the CBD?

- a. Botany Bay
- b. Sydney Harbour
- c. Parramatta River
- d. Georges River

6 What is the name of the famous Luna Park entrance feature?

- a. The area is made out of rocks
- b. It was the first area to be settled in Sydney
- c. It was a gaol
- d. None of the above

7 What type of area is North Sydney best known for?

- a. Farming land
- b. Industrial factories
- c. Business district
- d. National park

8 Which bridge connects North Sydney to the city?

- a. ANZAC Bridge
- b. Harbour Bridge
- c. Spit Bridge
- d. Gladesville Bridge

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW **SYDNEY**?

EAST SYDNEY

1

Which beach in Sydney is famous for a TV show called '___ Rescue'?

- a. Coogee Beach
- b. Palm Beach
- c. Cronulla Beach
- d. Bondi Beach

2

What is the name of the exhibition that is held each year between Bondi & Tamarama?

- a. Sand Castles by the Sea
- b. Sculptures by the Sea
- c. Burrows by the Sea
- d. Art Castles by the Sea

3

Bondi is an Indigenous word meaning?

- a. Water
- b. Water crashing
- c. Water crashing over rocks
- d. Water crashing over sand

4

Where in Sydney is the Coca-Cola sign located?

- a. Potts Point
- b. Paddington
- c. Rose Bay
- d. Kings Cross

5

Hyde Park in Sydney is named after which famous park in the world?

- a. Hyde Park, Singapore
- b. Hyde Park, New York
- c. Hyde Park, Berlin
- d. Hyde Park, London

6

The ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park was built in which year?

- a. 1934
- b. 1944
- c. 1956
- d. 1958

7

What year did St Mary's Cathedral burn down due to a fire?

- a. 1888
- b. 1865
- c. 1901
- d. 2001

8

How many bays are located on the East Coastline of Sydney?

- a. 10
- b. 4
- c. 5
- d. 8

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW **SYDNEY**?

SOUTH SYDNEY

1 QVB stands for?

- a. Queen Victoria Building
- b. Queen Violin Building
- c. Quick Victor Building
- d. Quick Vicky Building

2 What is the name of the sporting stadium that hosts the Sydney Swans football team & the Australian cricket team?

- a. SSS - Sydney Soccer Stadium
- b. SCG - Sydney Cricket Ground
- c. SAS - Sydney Alliance Stadium
- d. SHP - Sydney Homebush Park

3 Royal Randwick Racecourse is home to which sport?

- a. Car racing
- b. Dog racing
- c. Boat racing
- d. Horse racing

4 Which is Sydney's oldest university?

- a. University of New South Wales
- b. University of Technology Sydney
- c. University of Wollongong
- d. University of Sydney

5 Why does Port Botany have significant importance to Australia's history?

- a. It was the first bay discovered on the east coast of Australia by Captain James Cook
- b. Captain Phillip Arthur first settled here
- c. It was the first capital of Australia
- d. Captain Phillip Arthur's boat got shipwrecked here

6 What year did Captain James Cook discover Port Botany?

- a. 1700
- b. 1743
- c. 1777
- d. 1800

7 How many runways does Sydney Kingsford Smith airport have?

- a. 10
- b. 3
- c. 8
- d. 1

8 'Cronulla' is the Indigenous phrase meaning?

- a. Place of strong winds
- b. Place of strong waves
- c. Place of pink seashells
- d. Place of many fish

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW **SYDNEY**?

WEST SYDNEY

1

Darling Harbour was rebuilt in what decade to become a district hosting bars, restaurants, shops and entertainment areas?

- a. 60s
- b. 70s
- c. 80s
- d. 90s

2

The ANZAC Bridge links which two Sydney suburbs together?

- a. Pyrmont & Rozelle
- b. Pyrmont & Balmain
- c. Rozelle & Darling Harbour
- d. Darling Harbour & Paddington

3

Sydney Fish Markets sells what type of products?

- a. Fresh seafood
- b. Fresh fruit
- c. Fresh flowers
- d. Fresh fish only

4

Sydney Olympic Park was built to host which Olympic Games?

- a. 1994
- b. 2000
- c. 2008
- d. 2012

5

How did the Blue Mountains get its name?

- a. From the blue haze in the area
- b. From the blue trees in the area
- c. It was named after Captain Blue Smith
- d. It is surrounded by blue flowers

6

What is Parramatta known as in relation to Sydney?

- a. Coastal centre
- b. Second CBD
- c. Oldest beach suburb
- d. Main airport hub

7

Which river flows through Western Sydney?

- a. Hawkesbury River
- b. Parramatta River
- c. Georges River
- d. Snowy River

8

Sydney Olympic Park is located in which area of Sydney?

- a. North Sydney
- b. Eastern Suburbs
- c. Western Sydney
- d. Southern Sydney

Student Worksheet

Activity 1: Then vs Now

Choose one place from the quiz (e.g. Bondi, The Rocks, Cronulla, Sydney Harbour).

Fill in the table below:

	THEN	NOW
What was this place like in the past? What is it like today?		
Who lived here? Who uses this place now?		
What was it used for? What is it used for today?		

Student Worksheet

Activity 2: Celebrations and Commemorations of our past

Some places in Sydney have Indigenous names. Choose one place from the quiz with an Indigenous name (eg. Bondi, Cronulla) and answer the questions below.

What is the Indigenous name of your chosen place, and what does the name mean?

Why do you think places were named this way?

Why is it important to learn and use Aboriginal place names today?

Student Worksheet

Activity 3: Why is this place important?

Choose one Sydney location and explain:

What happened here in the past?

Why is this place important to Sydney's history?

Would Sydney be different without it? Why?



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