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Australia

History

The earliest inhabitants of Australia were the _____. They were the _____ people group to live in Australia.

1. The word *aborigine* means “the people who were here from the beginning.”
2. The Aborigines lived in harmony with each other and nature.
3. Their culture is expressed through art, music, language, dance and _____ history.
4. They tell of their beginnings and ancient history through stories of the _____.
5. The Aborigines adapted and survived the harsh environment, built containers for storing water, dug wells, hunted and gathered food,
6. These Aborigines moved from place to place. This made them _____.

Archaeologists have found...

7. Aboriginal rock art
8. Inventions such as boomerangs, ground axes, and grindstones
9. No written history (History has been passed down by telling the stories from generation to generation.)
10. One of the sacred places of the Aborigines is _____ or Ayer’s Rock.
11. A big change was on the way for the Aborigines with the arrival of the first Europeans.

Colonization

12. Captain _____ first claimed Australia for _____.
13. The British officially started a colony in 1788.
14. Among the first settlers were _____ from the prisons of Great Britain.
15. From 1788 to 1823 the colony of New South Wales in Australia was a _____ (prison) colony.
16. Another reason the British wanted to settle Australia was for a naval base in the Pacific.
17. There were also increased opportunities for _____.
18. The way of life for the Aborigines was interrupted when explorers and settlers began coming from Europe. As settlers built ranches, farms and towns they took over Aboriginal land.
19. Sometimes the Aborigines would raid or attack an English settlement. The English would retaliate resulting in skirmishes. The Aborigines were at a huge disadvantage because the English had modern weapons.
20. Many Aborigines died of _____ brought unintentionally to Australia by the Europeans. The Aboriginal way of life began a struggle to survive.

Australia gains Independence

21. Great Britain controlled Australia from 1788 until 1901.
22. Australia gained independence from Britain, but still remains a part of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Even today the British Monarch is also Australia's Monarch.
23. Queen Elizabeth is the head of state for Australia. She lives in England, not Australia.
24. The Queen does not run the country. She has duties such as signing laws and approving elections. These duties are carried out by an appointed governor-general.
25. She is considered the _____.

Australia's Government

26. Australia has a _____ form government. This means power is divided between a strong central government and strong regional governments.)
27. Australia has a Parliamentary Democracy
28. _____ is a legislative body or group of elected officials.

SS6H8 The student will describe the culture and development of Australia prior to contact with Europeans.
SS6H9 The student will explain the impact European exploration and colonization had on Australia.