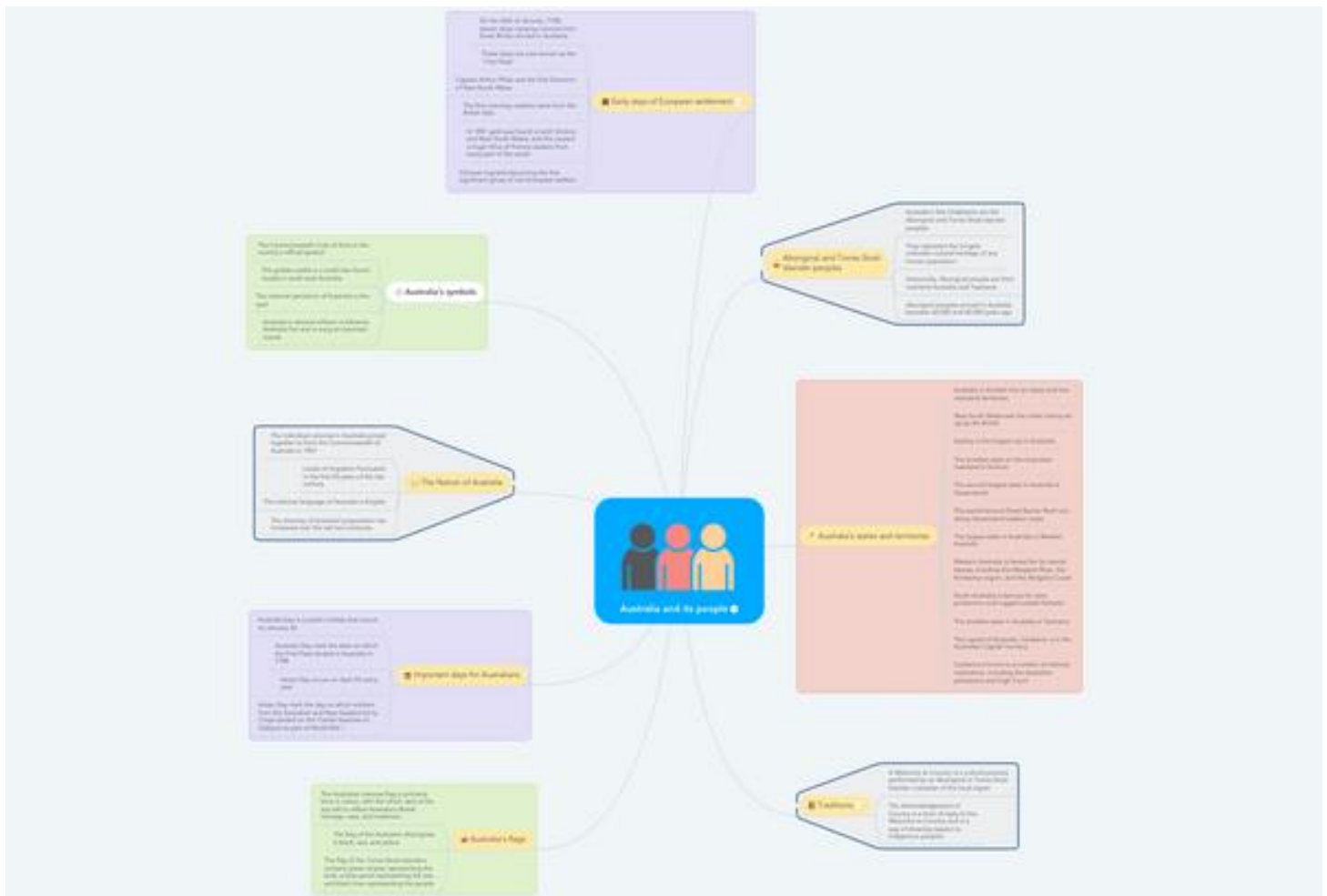


# Australia and its people



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## 1 🚩 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

- 1.1 Australia's first inhabitants are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- 1.2 They represent the longest unbroken cultural heritage of any human population
- 1.3 Historically, Aboriginal people are from mainland Australia and Tasmania
- 1.4 Aboriginal peoples arrived in Australia between 65,000 and 40,000 years ago

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## 2 Early days of European settlement

- 2.1 On the 26th of January, 1788, eleven ships carrying convicts from Great Britain arrived in Australia
- 2.2 These ships are now known as the "First Fleet"
- 2.3 Captain Arthur Philip was the first Governor of New South Wales
- 2.4 The first voluntary settlers came from the British Isles
- 2.5 In 1851 gold was found in both Victoria and New South Wales, and this caused a huge influx of fortune seekers from every part of the world
- 2.6 Chinese migrants becoming the first significant group of non-European settlers

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### 3 The Nation of Australia

- 3.1 The individual colonies in Australia joined together to form the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901.
- 3.2 Levels of migration fluctuated in the first 50 years of the last century.
- 3.3 The national language of Australia is English
- 3.4 The diversity of Australia's population has increased over the last two centuries.

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## 4 Australia's states and territories

- 4.1 Australia is divided into six states and two mainland territories.
- 4.2 New South Wales was the initial colony set up by the British
- 4.3 Sydney is the largest city in Australia
- 4.4 The smallest state on the Australian mainland is Victoria
- 4.5 The second largest state in Australia is Queensland
- 4.6 The world-famous Great Barrier Reef runs along Queensland eastern coast
- 4.7 The largest state in Australia is Western Australia
- 4.8 Western Australia is famed for its natural beauty including the Margaret River, the Kimberley region, and the Ningaloo Coast
- 4.9 South Australia is famous for wine production and rugged coastal features
- 4.10 The smallest state in Australia is Tasmania
- 4.11 The capital of Australia, Canberra, is in the Australian Capital Territory
- 4.12 Canberra is home to a number of national institutions, including the Australian parliament and High Court

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## 5 Traditions

- 5.1 A Welcome to Country is a cultural practice performed by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander custodian of the local region
- 5.2 The Acknowledgement of Country is a form of reply to the Welcome to Country and is a way of showing respect to Indigenous peoples

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## 6 Important days for Australians

- 6.1 Australia Day is a public holiday that occurs on January 26
- 6.2 Australia Day mark the date on which the First Fleet landed in Australia in 1788
- 6.3 Anzac Day occurs on April 25 every year
- 6.4 Anzac Day mark the day on which soldiers from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Turkish beaches of Gallipoli as part of World War I.

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## 7 Australia's flags

- 7.1 The Australian national flag is primarily blue in colour, with the Union Jack at the top left to reflect Australia's British heritage, laws, and traditions.
- 7.2 The flag of the Australian Aborigines is black, red, and yellow
- 7.3 The flag of the Torres Strait Islanders contains green stripes representing the land, a blue panel representing the sea, and black lines representing the people



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## 8 Australia's symbols

- 8.1 The Commonwealth Coat of Arms is the country's official symbol
- 8.2 The golden wattle is a small tree found mostly in south-east Australia
- 8.3 The national gemstone of Australia is the opal
- 8.4 Australia's national anthem is Advance Australia Fair and is sung at important events