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**New Sections**

Best wishes for an exciting and successful year in 2009. We have produced several new topics and sections recently which we trust will be of value to your school communities. We look forward to another year of partnership with you.

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**Social Sciences**

**Gender Studies**

As human society has become more sophisticated, complex social, political and personal issues pertaining to gender have arisen. In this topic the impacts of gender upon personal identity, family hierarchy, social organization, education, employment and political power are explored. The way society treats single-sex families and transgender and intersex persons is also examined. Sexual exploitation in its many forms is covered as well as the way popular culture deals with gender and sexual identity. Teachers will find articles and materials for classroom application in the final section.



**World Population**

The increase in the rate of population growth in the last century has put great pressure on the world's resources. This topic looks at statistics and trends, and various views on the issue of overpopulation. The relationship between population growth and the environment is explored, as is the challenge of producing adequate food and water supplies. The benefits and disadvantages of an aging population and increased mobility of people are dealt with and the problems of rapid urbanization are covered. Lesson plans, discussion questions and activities are listed at the end.

**Geography**



*Yosemite National Park*

*(PDPhoto)*

**National Parks and Wilderness Areas**

This fascinating topic covers several of the world's most famous national parks and wilderness areas. After an introductory section covering national parks and reserves in general, the

following areas are highlighted: Galapagos Islands, Komodo and Tanjung Puting National Parks in Indonesia, the Royal Chitwan National Park of Nepal, Madagascar, Lake Baikal in Russia and the American National Parks of Monument Valley, Rocky Mountains, Yellowstone and Yosemite. Lesson plans, webquests and a cyber field trip are available in the teachers' section.

### **Urban environments**

Most of the world's population now lives in cities and urban environments. This concentration of the population creates challenges for town planners and governments. The topic begins with a comprehensive look at human settlements and urban growth, followed by a brief section dealing with definitions and statistics. Structural changes in urban environments are examined before the topic concentrates on specific aspects of city landscapes such as areas devoted to industries, housing and retail, and the provision of transport facilities, waste disposal and water supplies. Other sections cover slums and informal settlements, urban renewal and urbanization. Teachers can find lesson plans and materials for classroom use at the end.



*Brisbane, Queensland*

## **Ancient and Medieval History**

### **Europe: Ancient Peoples**

While the great civilizations of Egypt, Greece and Rome often attract the most attention, it is important to understand the influence that smaller societies have had upon the world we

live in today. This topic currently covers the following ancient peoples of Europe: the Anglo-Saxons, Celts, Goths, Huns, Normans, Vandals and Vikings. Interactive sites and other classroom materials are presented in the final section for classroom use.

## **Modern World History**

### **Cultural and Racial Conflicts**

Rarely does a day go by without some media service brings news of conflict to our notice. These conflicts are the result of cultural and racial differences that have been ongoing for generations, sometimes even for millenia. Recent and ongoing crisis areas currently covered in this topic are the Tutsis and Hutus in Africa; the Balkans; the disputes between Russia and Chechnya and Georgia; Indonesia and the territories of Aceh, East Timor and West Papua; the conflicts between Shia and Sunni Muslims; the Kurdish people in various Middle eastern countries; Northern Ireland; the Basque Separatists of Spain and the ongoing tribal conflicts in the Sudan. Ideas for lesson plans are available for teachers at the end.

### **World Powers**

Global power structures are shifting after years of having one or two superpowers wielding political and economic power in the world. We are now witnessing the rise of several major states and alliances which will alter the way countries and national governments interact with each other. After an introductory section which examines these changes in considerable depth, the topic moves on to highlight specific nations and groups which are becoming key figures in the area of global politics. Britain, China, Europe, India, Iran, Russia and the United States of America are the nations given special attention as they vie for superpower status in the 21st century. Materials for the classroom are in the final section.

### **Colonial America 1607-1775**

This topic deals with the political and social beginnings of Northern America. After the initial general section, the major stakeholders of early America are examined: the Native Americans,

and the newcomers from England, France, the Netherlands and Spain. The topic then moves on to examine more specific social aspects such as The Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving, indentured labour and slavery, the politics and government of the new colonial society and the influence of religion. Sections are devoted to the specific events of the Salem Witch Trials 1692 and the French and Indian War 1754-1763. Teachers have a large selection of classroom materials including lesson plans, webquests, worksheets and interactive material in the last section.

## **New Sections**

### **Social Sciences**

#### **Indigenous cultures**

Huli of Papua New Guinea  
Karen of Myanmar  
Torres Strait Islanders

#### **Globalisation**

Global Financial Crisis

#### **Australian Society**

#### **Australia in the Global Economy**

Australia: 2008: Global financial crisis

### **Life Sciences**

#### **Health issues for young adults**

Electronic devices: health impacts

#### **Infectious diseases**

Transfusion transmitted diseases

### **Arts, Music and Sports**

#### **Australian Art: 20th Century**

##### **Painters**

Heysen, Nora 1911-2003

##### **Literature**

#### **Plath, Sylvia 1932-1963**

Plath, Sylvia: General critical works

#### **Shakespeare, William**

Shakespeare, William: Romeo and Juliet

### **Geography**

#### **Australia's Island Neighbours**

Pacific Islands: History

## **Ancient and Medieval History**

### **Middle Ages**

Gothic Architecture

