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We continue to value our partnership with you in assisting students and teachers to find the best Internet information available. The new topics and sections which have been added over the last few months are listed below. We wish you a very successful Term 3.

**Religions**



*St Guilhem-le-desert, France, Camino de Santiago*

**Religious pilgrimages**

Religious pilgrims have depended upon the services of travel operators and hoteliers for centuries, and in our contemporary world, pilgrimages constitute a major sector of the travel industry. This topic looks at some of the tour companies that provide assistance to pilgrims of various religious beliefs, as well as offering detailed information about selected religious sites. The initial section deals with pilgrimages from an historical viewpoint as well as the reasons people embark upon these journeys.

The topic then concentrates on a selection of the most famous pilgrimages in world religions. Currently the resources include material on Buddhist sites in India and Nepal; Christian sites in the Holy Land, Rome, Lourdes and along the trail to Santiago de Compostela in Spain; Hindu sites in India, especially the Ganges River; the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca; various Jewish sacred sites in Israel and the Shinto Shrine at Ise in Japan. Lesson plans are available at the end.

**Social Sciences**



*Sir Richard Branson*

*(NASA)*

**Entrepreneurs, International**

Aspiring millionaires are given some handy hints on how to realize their dreams in this topic, along with the examples of some very famous role models. The topic opens with biographical information on

entrepreneurs from all over the world. This is followed by a section on entrepreneurship and business success in general. The lives of specific entrepreneurs currently examined here are Henry Ford, 'Coco' Chanel, 'Colonel' Sanders, Walt Disney, Ray Kroc (McDonald's), Warren Buffett, Giorgio Armani, Anita Roddick (Body Shop), Donald Trump, Richard Branson, Oprah Winfrey and Bill Gates. Lesson plans and worksheets on business studies and entrepreneurship are found at the end.

**Entrepreneurs, Australian**

Australia has its own share of successful business people as is evident by the selection highlighted here. Students will find material on many others in the opening section which gives a more comprehensive view. Currently the list of Australian entrepreneurs contains information on R.M. Williams, Reg Ansett, Lang Hancock, Rupert Murdoch, Kerry Packer, Gerry Harvey, Carla Zampatti, Dick Smith, Sarina Russo and Tom Potter (Eagle Boys Pizza). The For Teachers section contains lesson plans on specific entrepreneurs as well as success in business.

**Maths, Astronomy and Physics**

**Industrial design**

After a lengthy section giving students an overview of industrial design, the topic focuses on the functional, ergonomic and aesthetic aspects. Specific examples of industrial design seen in case studies of boom boxes and

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corkscrews and bottle-openers are given, followed by curriculum materials for teachers.

## Literature

### Winton, Tim: Works

The introductory section of this topic contains biographical resources on this award-winning Australian author. The sections which follow deal with specific works in chronological order, with sections on his short stories and works for children at the end. Critical resources and reviews on the following novels are available: *An Open Swimmer*, *Shallows*, *That Eye, The Sky*, *In the Winter Dark*, *Blueback*, *Dirt Music* and *Breath*. Lesson plans and ideas are available in the For Teachers section.

### Austen, Jane: Emma

Austen's delightful story of busybody Emma is given thorough treatment in this collection of resources. General critical works open the topic and are followed by several different editions of the text. The sections which follow focus on synopses of the story, the characters, themes and cultural context of the novel. Special attention is given to the adaptation of the story as presented in the film 'Clueless'. Biographical material on Jane Austen is also available before the topic concludes with the usual section for teachers which includes study questions, discussion guides and a scheme of work on "Clueless".



(Gilbert Stuart)

### Dickens, Charles:

#### A Tale of Two Cities

Dickens' dramatic and heart-wrenching tale of the French Revolution offers a wonderful way to encourage students to read the classics. The opening sections of this topic present a general overview of the novel, various online texts and several summaries of the story. The topic then highlights the characters, themes and motifs and the historical context of the novel. There is also a lengthy collection of biographical resources on Dickens. Worksheets, teaching units and guides can be found in the For Teachers section.

### Ancient and Medieval History

#### Japan, Medieval

Students can enter the mysterious and intriguing world of the samurai warriors in this collection of resources. First of all, the medieval period in Japan is covered comprehensively. After that a closer look is taken at the four major social classes of the time, with particular emphasis on the Shogunate and the Samurai. The Code of Bushido is dealt with in depth as is the status of women during this period. Religious belief pervaded all aspects of society and attention is given to its influence. Lesson plans, webquests, powerpoint presentations, worksheets and handouts are all available for teachers in the final section.

### Modern World History

#### Cambodia: Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge

After a general section to set the Pol Pot regime in context, the topic is divided into specific sections for closer examination. The sections include detailed biographical material on Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Pol Pot, as well as resources on American involvement in Cambodian politics, the March 1970 coup d'etat by Lon Nol, the Khmer Rouge Regime and the recent Genocide Tribunal. The section on the Killing Fields contains many first

person accounts of survivors which give a very human touch to the historical and political facts of this horrific period. Materials for teachers to use in the classroom are found at the end.

### New sections

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The Gospels and the early Church

##### Christian Denominations in Australia

Australia: Youth church attendance

Australia: Youth spirituality

#### Buddhism

Buddhism: War and Peace

#### Australian Society

##### Australia: Social stratification

Australia: Generation X

Australia: Generation Y

##### Australia in the global economy

Australia: Budget 2009

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Billy carts

#### Life Sciences

##### Health issues for young adults

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