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**New Sections** 

# New topics Religions

### **Food and Religious Practice**

This fascinating topic looks at how food is incorporated into worship in the major religions, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam.



The bread and the wine

(A Potupin)

# **Economics and Business Personal finance**

After a general section covering the topic comprehensively, various aspects of managing one's money are highlighted: saving and interest, budgeting, consumer credit, investments, investment scams and home loans. Lesson plans and activities on financial mathematics are found in the last section.



# World Literature The Short Story

Developed for Senior English students, this topic examines in considerable depth the short story as a literary form. After the general section, the topic branches off to look at how the genre has developed over time and the conventions that have been used. There are sections dealing with the ways literature has been influenced by globalization and postmodernism, and how the short story has evolved into its contemporary form. Classroom materials are available at the end.

# Geography

#### Man-made disasters

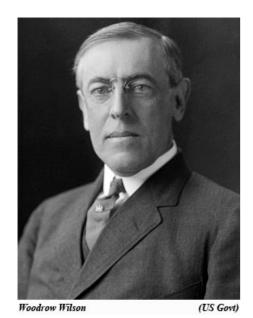
This sobering topic examines in detail several of the major disasters caused by human activities in recent decades. The introductory section covers many more disasters than those which are highlighted in the following sections: Wittenoom in Australia; Guiyu, the ewaste village in China; the Toulouse Chemical Factory Explosion in France; India's Bhopal Industrial Disaster: the Lusi Mud Volcano in Indonesia: the dioxin disaster in Seveso, Italy; the Great Pacific Garbage Dump; Papua New Guinea's Ok Tedi River: the Gates of Hell in Turkmenistan; Chernobyl in Ukraine; America's Berkeley Pit Lake, Centralia Underground Coal Fire, Love Canal and Picher, Oklahoma. Teachers can find a wide selection of classroom resources in the final section.



Aral Sea, Kazakhstan

### Modern World History United States of America 1823-1945

Students are given an in-depth examination of American history from the Monroe Doctrine to World War 2. After the opening general section, the topic diverges to give detailed information on the Monroe Doctrine, the concept of Manifest Destiny, laissez-faire capitalism, the Civil War, emancipation, reconstruction, Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations, the Great Depression and New Deal, unionism and industrial development, isolationism and how World War 2 impacted on America and its citizens. A broad selection of lesson plans, webquests and other classroom materials is available in the For Teachers section.



New Sections Religions

Christianity

Christian art and symbolism

Church history - ca 30-600, Early church

**New Testament: Biography** 

James, the brother of Jesus

### **Australian Society**

**Australia: Social Issues** 

Australia: Children's health and

nutrition

Australia: Parenting and family life

**Australia: Industrial Relations** 

Australia: 2011: Qantas dispute



## Life Sciences Sports injuries

Sports injuries: First aid

**Introduced species in Australia** 

Virtual dissections: For Teachers

Arts, Music and Sports

**Australian Art: Contemporary** 

Jinks, Sam b. 1973

**World Literature** 

Shakespeare, William

Elizabethan women

Geography

**Energy resources** 

Coal seam gas



### **World Heritage Sites**

Australia: Lord Howe Island



### Modern European History Industrial Revolution: Britain

Industrial Revolution: Britain:

Global Impact

Industrial Revolution: Britain:

Impact on Australia

### Russia to 1917

Russia, Imperial: Catherine the

Great (1729 – 1796)

Russia, Imperial: Nicholas I

Russia, Imperial: Nicholas II and

Alexandra

Russia, Imperial: Alexander II

Emancipation of the serfs

Origins of Russian Communism

Russia - Economic conditions - to

1917

### **Australian History**

Australia: History: The First Fleet



