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Updates

This term we have added several new topics which are compilations of sections from various other topics with extra new material added. These compilations have been requested to assist teachers and students to find material for specific units in the textbook *Geography for Australian citizens*.

Philosophy & Ethics

Multiple intelligences

Comprehensive coverage is given to this topic, with individual sections on all the various intelligences as well as a general section. There is a separate section on brain development, one with biographical material on Howard Gardner, and the customary section for teachers which contains articles and lesson plans.



Social Sciences

Family Law in Australia

This topic gives a comprehensive look into an area which applies in some way to all of us. Legal Studies students will find all they need to know here. After

the introductory section which covers Family Law in Australia in a general way, various aspects of the law are dealt with: property and money, marriage, children's welfare, de facto relationships, child support and maintenance, domestic violence and abuse, adoption, separation and divorce, and child abduction.

Natural disasters in Australia

This topic is a compilation of sections from other topics with some extra material added. It shows students the difference between natural hazards and natural disasters, and then goes on to explore the various natural hazards (e.g. droughts, bushfires, floods) which are part of living in Australia. Case studies are included for the Canberra bushfires, Cyclones Tracy and Larry. Material for teachers is included in the last section as usual.



Languages

Vietnamese language and culture

This well illustrated topic will be of value to language, geography and social studies students. The first section gives a broad overview of the

geography and social conditions of the country. Language students will find helpful material in the language and news services sections, and there is a wealth of cultural information in the sections on architecture, art and crafts, festivals, food, literature, music and theatre, and religions. The section on the history of Vietnam has links which look at Vietnam from earliest times to the present. Students who are doing in-depth studies of the Vietnam War years, should look at that topic in the *Modern History* category. Maps of various kinds – outline, topographical and political – are also available. Teachers will find a variety of lesson plans in the final section. To facilitate access to students of different disciplines, this topic is located in both the Languages and Geography categories



Pure Sciences

Plant Classification

This site is designed for senior biology students and covers the topic of plant

classification thoroughly. The first section entitled *What is classification?* gives students an understanding of the how and why of classification. The following sections look at each of the major divisions in depth: Bryophyta, Psilophyta, Lycophyta, Sphenophyta, Pterophyta, Cycadophyta, Ginkgophyta, Gnetophyta, Coniferophyta and Anthophyta. The *For Teachers* section contains, quizzes, crosswords and other materials.



Animal behaviour

This fascinating topic will keep your Biology students glued to their computers. The aspects covered are as follows: a general overview, then hunters and hunted, animal communication, animal society, courtship, mating and parenting, animal learning, cognition and memory, nature - vs - nurture, and finally the section For Teachers, which has lots..... and lots of worksheets and lesson plans for classroom use.

Art, Music & Sports

Cartoon art

Art students have never had so much fun! This topic starts with a comprehensive look at the genre. This is followed by sections on the history of cartoon art, cartoon styles and techniques, animated cartoons, political cartoons and Manga and Anime. The controversial Danish cartoons which caused so much upset in the Islamic community are dealt

with, and there is a special section on Australian and NZ cartoonists. Teachers can find articles, worksheets and lesson tips in the last section.

Sports in Australia

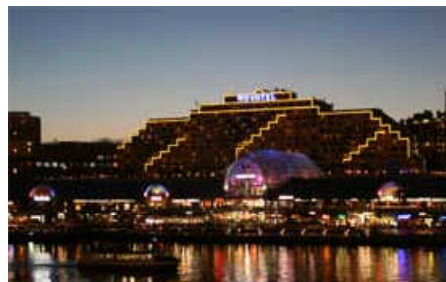
This topic will keep students safely occupied during lunch breaks as well as provide reliable information for HPE students, and those looking for biographical information. The first section, Australian Sporting Champions, has many sites giving profiles of athletes in various sports over the years. This is followed by sections containing major sporting bodies and personalities in AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, and Volleyball. Teachers' resources can be found at the end.

Geography

Australian Geography:

Human environment

This topic addresses Australian contemporary geographical issues relating to the human elements of environments. The first section contains general information and statistics on the human geography of our continent, and is followed by sections dealing with traditional Aboriginal Australians, Aboriginal peoples and the environment, population issues in Australia, population policy, age structure, air pollution in Australia, Australian tourist industry, housing, urban growth and decline, and spatial inequality. The For Teachers section contains worksheets and lesson plans which can be used directly or adapted for specific classroom needs.



Australian Geography:

Physical environment

This topic addresses Australian contemporary geographical issues relating to the physical elements of environments. The sections are as follows: Coastal management, Australia: Energy resources, Forests and Forestry – Miscellaneous, Forests and Forestry - Native vegetation clearance, Land management, Kosciuszko and the Australian Alps, Deserts and desert peoples of Australia, Australia: Water crisis, Case study: Murray-Darling Basin, Great Barrier Reef, Soil Salinity, Rainforests of Australia: North Queensland, Rainforests of Australia: Tarkine, Wetlands of Australia, Australia's climate and weather, Case study: Cyclone Tracy, Darwin 1974, Case study: Cyclone Larry, 2006 and For Teachers



Updates

Rural Australia

You Yangs Regional Park

Weather and Climate

Case study: Cyclone Larry, 2006

