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Welcome to the Term Three Newsletter.

New topics have been added recently which we are sure will be of interest. The Religion category has three new topics with at least another three topics to be added this semester which will include Islam, Judaism and Christian Denominations. Literature also has three new topics. Modern History and Science have one new topic each. Some existing topics have been expanded and you will find the newly added sections in the lists at the end. We are currently preparing notes on how to add Library Webs topics and sections to your library catalogue. Please send an email if you are interested in these notes.

**New Topics**

**RELIGIONS**

**The Gospels**

This collection will be particularly useful for Study of Religion students as it deals in depth with each of the canonical gospels, as well as the apocryphal gospel of Thomas. Each section contains texts of the gospels as well as apologetics and critical works. As usual, the first section covers the topic comprehensively, and there are lesson plans for teachers in the last.

**Buddhism**

Designed specifically for the Study of Religion syllabus, this topic will also

benefit younger students of RE or SOSE. After the first general section, the topic branches off to lead students to particular aspects of Buddhism: Siddhartha Gautama; Buddhist Scriptures; The Four Noble Truths; the various schools of Theravada, Mahayana, Tibetan and Zen Buddhism; Buddhist art, architecture, festivals and ceremonies; Buddhism and women; Buddhism in Australia and the modern world. The topic concludes with the For Teachers section which contains worksheets and lessons plans for different grade levels.

**Hinduism**

This topic is applicable for RE, Study of Religion and SOSE. There is ample material here to cater for students of various year levels and abilities. After the opening section which deals comprehensively with Hinduism, the topic is divided up into sections which cover the following aspects: Hindu art and architecture, music, festivals and ceremonies; Hindu gods, the caste system; Hinduism and women; sacred animals, places and writings; Hinduism in Australia and the concluding section For Teachers.

**MODERN HISTORY**

**Aboriginal Australians since 1788**

This topic fits in between the existing topics *Aboriginal Australians: Traditional Culture and Aboriginal Australians: Contemporary Issues* and covers various aspects of Aboriginal-

European relations during the time from the First Fleet to the present. It begins with a general section which contains timelines and general historical material covering the entire period. The topic is then divided into sections which deal specifically with separate facets of Aboriginal history: Early Aboriginal-European contact; various Aboriginal-European conflicts, especially Tasmania, Myall Creek, and Coniston Station; Aboriginal missions, reserves and settlements; Aboriginal Australians defending Australia; Government policies and legislation; land rights; Aboriginal organisations, activists and leaders; the 1967 Referendum; stolen children; reconciliation and For Teachers. For those interested in the "History Wars", there are several articles by and about Keith Windschuttle and his interpretations. This topic offers students an in-depth look at a vital slice of Australian history and the controversies surrounding it.

**LITERATURE**

**Theatre of the Absurd**

After a comprehensive look at absurdist drama and its context, individual dramatists are dealt with in depth. Currently the list includes: Samuel Beckett, Arthur Adamov, Jean Genet, Eugene Ionesco, Edward Albee and Harold Pinter. A small section for teachers concludes the topic. An excellent resource for Drama and English Literature students.

## The Works of Peter Carey

One of Australia's foremost contemporary writers deserves a topic all to himself! After a copious list of general links on the author and his works, students are led to individual titles and collections: short stories, Bliss, Illywacker, Oscar and Lucinda, The Tax Inspector, The Unusual Life of Tristan Smith, Jack Maggs, True History of the Kelly Gang, My Life as a Fake, Wrong about Japan, and other works. A small section for teachers concludes the topic. Another excellent resource for English Literature students.



## 20th Century British Novelists

Students of modern British classics will find a wealth of information ready for them here. Middle Earth and Narnia fans will also find worlds of information to explore. The topic

begins with an overall look at 20th Century British Fiction, then examines a variety of individual novelists in depth. The list currently includes Joseph Conrad, James Joyce, Virginia Woolf, D.H. Lawrence, J.R.R. Tolkien, Aldous Huxley, C.S. Lewis, George Orwell, Evelyn Waugh, Graham Greene, William Golding, and Iris Murdoch. If your chosen author is not included in the list, do not despair. Just contact [admin@librarywebs.com](mailto:admin@librarywebs.com) and make your request known. A very lengthy list of links is found in the For Teachers section with many lesson plans and teaching resources covering particular novels - a wonderful time-saver for teachers.



## SCIENCE

### Deserts

A great resource for SOSE, Geography and Earth Science students. After the general section, the following aspects are covered: Desert animals, plants and landforms; deserts and desert peoples of Africa, Asia, Australia, the Middle East and the Americas; desertification; maps of desert regions. As usual, the For Teachers section has lots of lesson plans, webquests and classroom guides.

## New Sections in Existing Topics

### Ancient Egypt

This topic has been considerably expanded and now has separate sections on

- Queens of Ancient Egypt
- Women of Ancient Egypt
- Egyptian Science: Astronomy
- Egyptian Science: Medicine
- Egyptian Art
- Egyptian Literature

### Other Topics with new sections

#### History of Indonesia

Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

#### Legal issues in Australia

Drugs in Sport

#### Australian Scientists

Graeme Clark

#### Aboriginal Australian: Traditional Culture

Aboriginal Languages



We hope that the new resources found in the Library Webs collection will enhance the learning experiences of all who use them. Have a great Term 3.

