

Lesson two: Australia's Diverse Landscape

This activity can be used as a teacher demonstration for younger pupils and an independent activity for older pupils.

Landform Regions in Australia N Wyndham Daly Watern Dampier Alice Spring Rockhampte AUSTRALIA Genaldton Kalgoorlie Broken Hill Western Plateau Central Lowlands 3mm = 100 KM Eastern Highlands Coastal Plains

Overlay Map Activity Instructions

ROUND ONE

- 1. Start with your handout *Base map of Australia*: draw the landform regions on to the base template using the image above as a guide.
- 2. Create a map key to show the colour code of each landform region.

Starter questions:

- Which landform region covers the largest area of Australia?
- Which landform region is located in the east?
- Which landform region is located in the west?

ROUND TWO

- 3. Trace map two (Highland areas) on to transparency film or tracing paper and give the map a title.
- 4. Label the highland areas in another colour and create a key.
- 5. Answer the questions below:
- Which landform region is Uluru or Ayers Rock in?
- Which landform region are the Flinders and Barrier Ranges in?
- Which landform regions is the Great Dividing Range in?

ROUND THREE

- 6. Trace map three (Bodies of Water/Rivers and Waterways) on to transparent film or tracing paper.
- 7. Answer the questions below:
 - Which landform region is Lake Eyre in?
 - Over which three landform regions does the Murray-Darling River Basin flow (Darling, Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers)?

CHALLENGE ROUND

- 8. Trace map one (areas of high rainfall) on to transparent film or tracing paper.
- 9. Answer the questions below:
 - Which landform region has the highest rainfall and which has the lowest?