

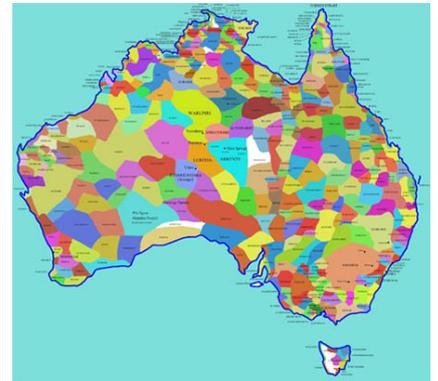
Australian History

Did you know that Australian History goes back over 60,000 years? It's true. Aboriginal people have been in Australia for more than 60 000 years! More recently, Captain Cook came to Australia in 1770. Test your knowledge on Australian history by reading on for more interesting facts.

Indigenous Australians

The culture of Australia's Aboriginal people is one of the oldest in the world. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture dates back more than 60,000 years!

There are many archaeological sites throughout the country where the long history of Indigenous people can be found. These include rock art in caves as well as fossils from where Aboriginal people lived and shared their meals.



Captain James Cook

Captain Cook is considered one of the greatest navigators and explorers of all time. He is celebrated as a British national hero and icon. In 1770, Cook mapped the east coast of Australia. This paved the way for British settlement 18 years later.



Sir Joseph Banks

Sir Joseph banks travelled with James Cook. He was a botanist (an expert in or student of the scientific study of plants). During the voyage, Banks and his team made the first scientific collections of Australian flora. The plant known as Banksia is named after Sir Joseph Banks. The suburb of Bankstown is also named in his honour.



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Questions

1. Who travelled with Captain James Cook to make scientific discoveries?

2. How many years does Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture date back? (Circle the answer)

200 / 2,000 / 60,000

3. The plant known as Banksia is named after Sir Joseph Banks.

True / False

4. When did Captain James Cook map the east coast of Australia?

5. Sketch a plant or tree from your house below.

