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From Ayers Rock to the Great Barrier Reef, Australia is a land of great natural beauty. In this lesson, you will learn more about the geography and physical features of Australia, and use your knowledge to complete a table about famous features of Australia, create your own annotated digital map, and answer some questions using cardinal and intermediate directions.

#### Part 1: Research

**Directions:** Visit this National Geographic Kids' page to learn some background information about Australia - <a href="http://bit.ly/AussieInfo">http://bit.ly/AussieInfo</a>

Now, it's time to learn about the most important physical features of Australia. Using your school's available research subscriptions (such as Britannica Online, World Book Student, or another online source), search for the six physical features below and fill in the information about location, description, and one fact in the table. Here are some other links to find out more information about these physical features.



InfoPlease - Australian Geography - http://bit.ly/ausgeog1

About Australia - Geographic Features - http://bit.ly/ausgeog2

Physical Environments of Australia - http://bit.ly/ausgeog3

Physical Feature	Location	Description	One Fact
Ayers' Rock (Uluru)			
The Great Barrier Reef			
The Coral Sea			
The Great Dividing Range			
The Great Victorian Desert			
The Outback			

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### Part 2: Make a Map

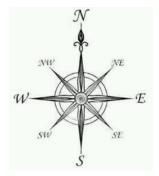
- 1. First, navigate to this website and download and save this blank outline map to your computer or your photos http://bit.ly/ausmap2.
- 2. Navigate to <a href="https://sketch.io/sketchpad/">https://sketch.io/sketchpad/</a> to begin annotating your map.
- 3. In the top-left corner of the screen, choose the folder icon with the plus sign (Open or Create).
- 4. Choose "Import".
- 5. Select the file "austra1.gif" and import the file.
- 6. Using the drawing tools available, note the location of each of the 6 physical features from the table above. Be sure to be as close as possible to the actual location and to write the name by each place.
- 7. When you are finished, choose "Share" and select Share again. Write the finished URL below, or follow your teacher's directions about posting the link to the finished map.

#### Part 3: Cardinal and Intermediate Directions

Directions: Use the compass rose below and the map you created above to answer the following questions:

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- 2. Using intermediate directions, the Great Dividing Range is \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Great Victoria Desert.
- 3. Using cardinal directions, the Great Dividing Range is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Great Barrier Reef.
- 4. Using intermediate directions, the Great Victoria Desert is \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Ayer's Rock (Uluru).
- 5. Using intermediate directions, Ayer's Rock (Uluru) is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Great Dividing Range.



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