 Resource 5 – Australian culture webquest

Use the following websites to answer the questions below

[11 things you should know about Australian culture](https://theculturetrip.com/pacific/australia/articles/11-things-you-should-know-about-australian-culture/)

1. How long have Aboriginal people been living in Australia?
2. Following many waves of migration since the late 18th century, what percentage of Australians were born overseas or have a parent born overseas?

[Academic skills unit - some aspects of Australian culture](https://www.acu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/52103/pauscult2007.pdf)

1. Complete the following passage:

Immigration has helped Australia become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and dynamic country. In their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ policies, national and state \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Australia recognise the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all cultures that make up Australian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. What does it mean to live in an egalitarian society? What limitations are there to this?
2. Describe Australians’ sense of humour.

[11 things you should know about Australian culture](https://theculturetrip.com/pacific/australia/articles/11-things-you-should-know-about-australian-culture/)

1. What is the ‘Tall Poppy Syndrome’?
2. List five popular sports played in Australia.
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3. What percentage of Australians live within 50 kilometres of the coast? How does geographical location influence Australia’s national identity and culture?

[Culture, identity and stereotypes](https://gray24.weebly.com/culture.html)

1. What is culture? How does it differ from ethnicity or religion?
2. What is a stereotype?
3. How can stereotypes alter the development of an identity?

[15 myths about Australia debunked](https://theculturetrip.com/pacific/australia/articles/15-myths-about-australia-debunked/)

1. Highlight some common (untrue) stereotypes about Australian culture.
	* Australia is a small country.
	* Queenslanders are called Banana Blenders.
	* Australia is the driest continent on Earth other than Antarctica.
	* The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from outer space.
	* Australians eat a lot of Vegemite.
	* VB and Fosters are our most popular drinks.
	* Australia has a larger population of camels than Egypt.
	* Sydney is Australia’s national capital.
	* Australia is the world’s largest island.

[Culture and customs](https://www.griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/australia/culture-customs)

1. Match the slang term with its definition.

| Slang term | Definition |
| --- | --- |
| Arvo | A man |
| Aussie | Sunglasses |
| Barbie | Mosquito  |
| Bloke | Television |
| Boardies | Kangaroo  |
| Brekkie | Sausages  |
| G’day | Australia |
| Mozzie | Breakfast |
| No worries | Barbeque  |
| Roo | Afternoon  |
| Snags | Swimmers |
| Sunnies | That’s okay |
| Telly  | Board shorts |
| Togs | Good day/hello |

Reflection:

How do these elements of history, immigration, sport, egalitarianism, humour and slang culminate to form the Australian culture?

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Creative response:

Using the Seven Steps to Successful Writing, plan and draft a narrative that centres upon the Australian culture. Your response should incorporate uniquely Australian settings, characters, themes and language.



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