

# AUSTRALIA



# LOCATION

Australia is in the **Southern Hemisphere**.

Because it is south of the equator, the **seasons** in Australia are **the opposite** of those in Europe: it's **winter** in Australia when it's **summer** in Europe.





- It's the **6th biggest country** in the world.
- It's an **island**, surrounded by water.
- It's the **smallest continent** in the world.



Australia is composed of **7 territories:**

**Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria + Tasmania, and Papua New Guinea.**



# HISTORY

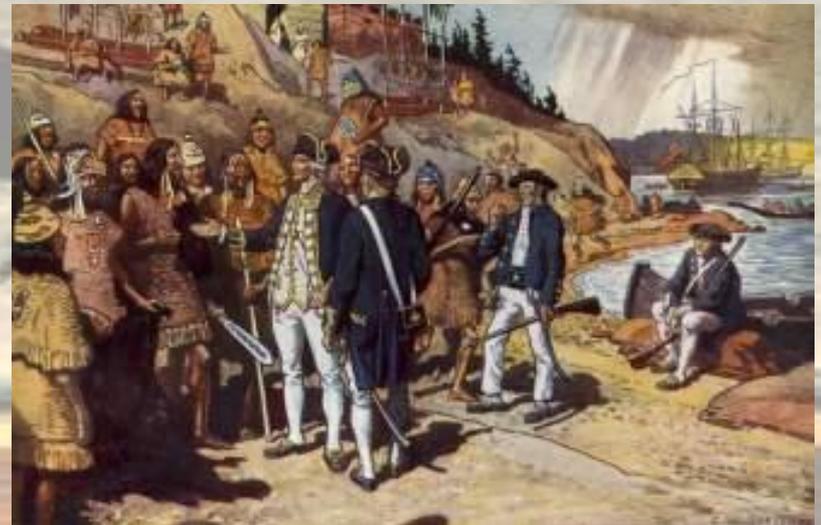
**James Cook** discovered Australia in 1770.



Britain sent **prisoners**  
and **criminals** to Australia.



Europeans sold the land  
of **Aborigines** and killed  
thousands of them.



**Native Australians.** The **Aborigines** have lived in Australia for over 40,000 years. Now they only represent 1% of the population. The total population of Australia is 22 million.



# CITIES



The capital city is **Canberra**.



The biggest city is **Sydney**, where there is the famous **Sydney Opera House**.

# OTHER IMPORTANT CITIES



Melbourne



Brisbane



Adelaide



Perth

# Where are the majority of important cities in Australia?



# GEOGRAPHY

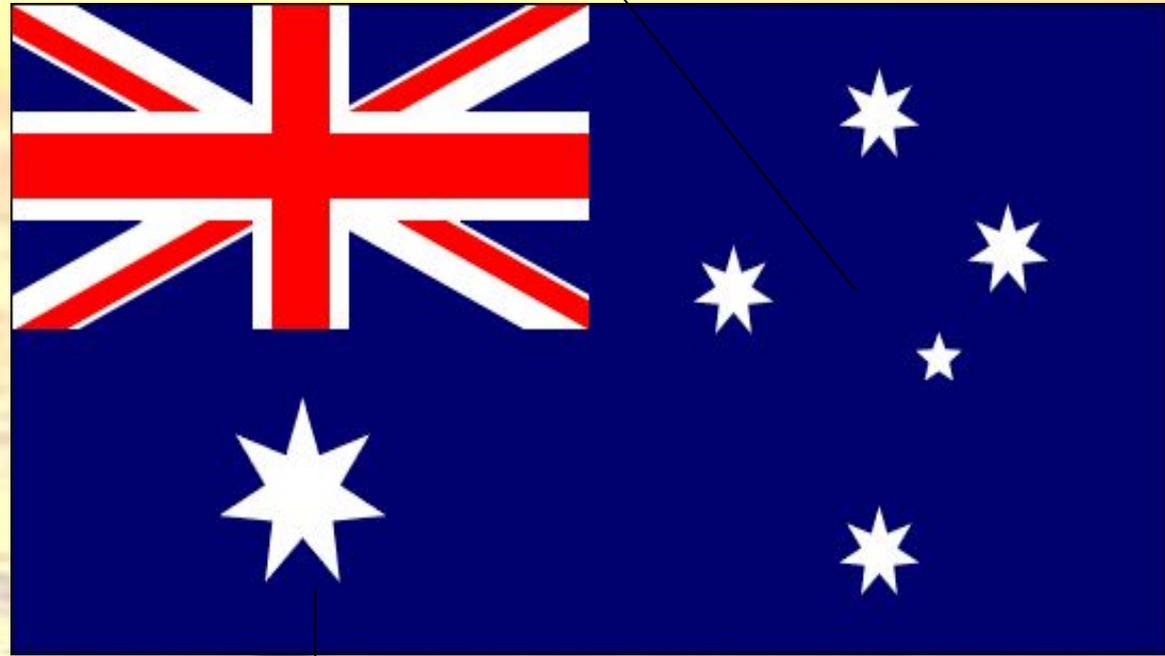
**Uluru (Ayers Rock)** is the world's largest **monolith**. It is sacred for Aborigines.

It is very popular with tourists because of its beautiful colours.



# THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

**Southern cross** symbolizes the constellation.



**Union Flag**

6th British  
colony.

The **Commonwealth 7 pointed star**  
represents the 7 territories.

The currency is the **Australian dollar**.



In Australia it is usually very warm, so Australians love sport and other outdoor activities. The most popular are:

**scuba-diving**



**cricket**



**surfing**



**swimming**



# TYPICAL ANIMALS

Koala



Kangaroo





**Sugar glider**



**Dingo**



**Platypus**

## Tasmanian devil



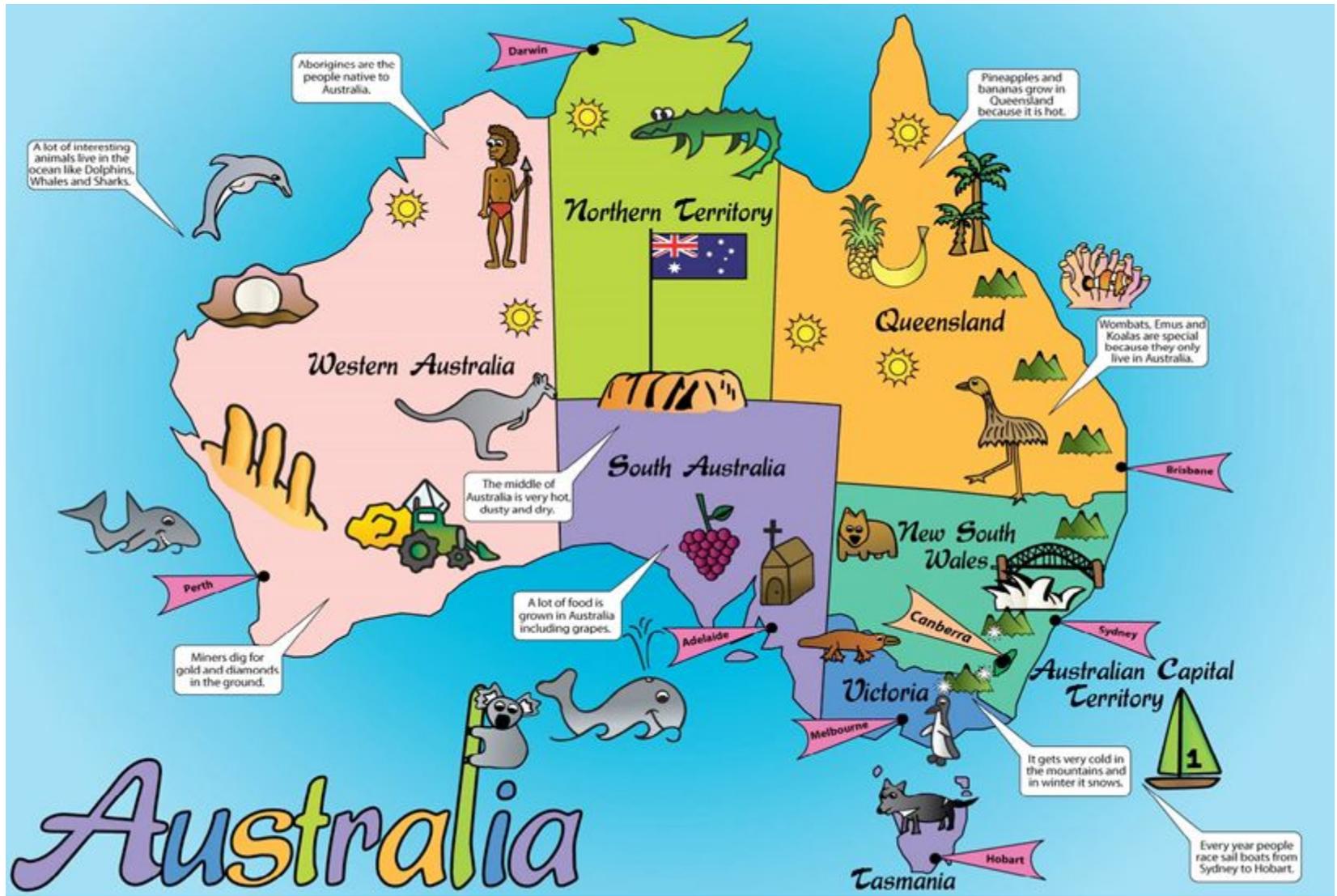
Possum

Wombat

Australia has also some very **poisonous snakes** and **spiders**. At school children have to learn first aid for snake and spider bites.



# SOME AUSTRALIAN SYMBOLS



# An Aborigine



# Sydney Opera House



built by Danish architect [Jørn Utzon](#)

# Bondi Beach, Sydney



# Other names for Australia

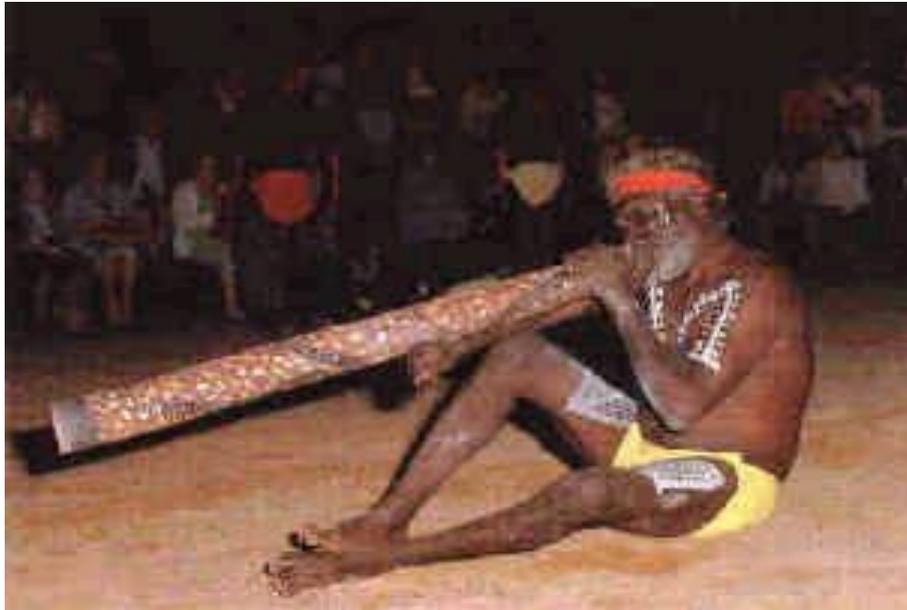
- Oz
- Down Under



# Ayers Rock or Uluru



# A didgeridoo



# A boomerang



# Kangaroos in the Outback



# The Great Barrier Reef

