

Questions for discussion

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Australia and the US

- 1. Discuss the BtN *Australia and the US* story as a class. What issues were raised in the discussion?
- 2. The United States is one of Australia's closest allies. Explain what that means.
- 3. When did Australia's alliance with the US begin?
- 4. Briefly explain why the countries became friends.
- 5. Describe the military alliance Australia and the US have.
- 6. Why is the US an important business partner to Australia?
- 7. Why do some people say our close relationship with the US isn't a good thing?
- 8. Which other countries do you think Australia should have a good relationship with?
- 9. Do you think the relationship with the US is important? Give reasons for your answer.
- 10. What was surprising about the story?

Write a message about the story and post it in the comments section on the story page.

Antarctic Marine Park

- 1. What was the main point of the BtN Antarctic Marine Park story?
- 2. Think of three words to describe Antarctica.
- 3. Why is Antarctica a unique environment?
- 4. Where will the marine park be located?
- 5. The marine park is an area the size of ______
- 6. The area is one of the most pristine environments in the world. What does that mean?
- 7. The Ross Sea is home to which unique animals?
- 8. Why do environmentalists want to protect the Ross Sea?
- 9. Scientists say the marine park will help them study climate change. True or false?
- 10. Name three facts you learnt watching the Antarctic Marine Park story.

Do the **quiz** on the BtN website

Remembrance Day Research

- 1. Briefly explain what the kids in the BtN story are learning about.
- 2. When is Remembrance Day?
- 3. What did the students discover about their neighbourhood during World War I?
- 4. Describe the training the soldiers did there.
- 5. What were conditions like in the camp?
- 6. Why do you think many soldiers and civilians wrote poetry about the war?
- 7. What did the students learn about Indigenous soldiers?
- 8. What role did women play during the war?
- 9. How did the students feel about the war?



10. How do you remember those who fought in the war?

Check out the Remembrance Day Research resource on the Teachers page

Yarloop School

- 1. Explain the Yarloop School story to another student.
- 2. Where is Yarloop? Locate using Google Maps.
- 3. Why did the students like going to Yarloop Primary School?
- 4. Why was the school closed?
- 5. Where have the students been going to school?
- 6. Why do they want to come back to school at Yarloop?
- 7. Why has the Education Department decided to close the school permanently?
- 8. How do they feel about the decision?
- 9. Do you think it's a fair decision? Give reasons for your answer.
- 10. How would you feel if your school was closed?

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Young Explorer

- 1. Briefly summarise the BtN *Young Explorer* story.
- 2. Where did Jade trek earlier this year?
- 3. What did she climb when she was six years old?
- 4. Describe what she achieved at the age of twelve.
- 5. What training did Jade do to prepare for the Arctic trek?
- 6. What challenges did Jade encounter during the trek?
- 7. How did Jade overcome the challenges?
- 8. How did Jade feel when she returned home?
- 9. Jade is hoping to achieve the polar hat-trick. Explain what that is.
- 10. What skills or character traits do you think a young adventurer would need?

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