

Online Book Club

The Mystery on the Great Barrier Reef

Bring It To Life!

1. Make a marsupial masterpiece! Marsupials are really cool creatures! List three marsupials (of course, you've got to include the kangaroo!). Then, research them on the Internet and make a chart listing their similarities and differences. Draw pictures of them, or find pictures online, print them, and glue them to your chart.
2. Amble across Australia! Ask a volunteer to draw a big map of Australia on a poster board. Use a map of Australia from the encyclopedia to help you locate the places visited by Christina and Grant. Create symbols, and label the map. Don't forget the map key! Trace their journey across the continent "Down Under." Look at the encyclopedia map and find the distance measurement key. About how many miles did the travel? (Australia is a BIG place!)
3. Make a boomerang! You can use poster board, cardboard, or foam core. Research what Aboriginal art looks like, and decorate your boomerang!
4. What time is it, really, and what's the weather? Use Internet tools to help you find out the time difference between your home state and Australia. Then, decide what the weather would be like in Australia today compared to where you live. Remember, Australia's seasons are the opposite of our seasons in the Northern Hemisphere!
5. Color your world! The fish living on the Great Barrier are incredibly colorful and beautiful! Find some photos of the Great Barrier Reef and its fish on the Internet. Then, draw an underwater mural and have fun coloring it!
6. What does that mean? Find the meaning of these Australian words or terms: ant's pants, brekkie, dinkum or fair dinkum, cheerio, hoo-roo, lollies, postie, yahoo. Don't you think the Australian language is fun???

