



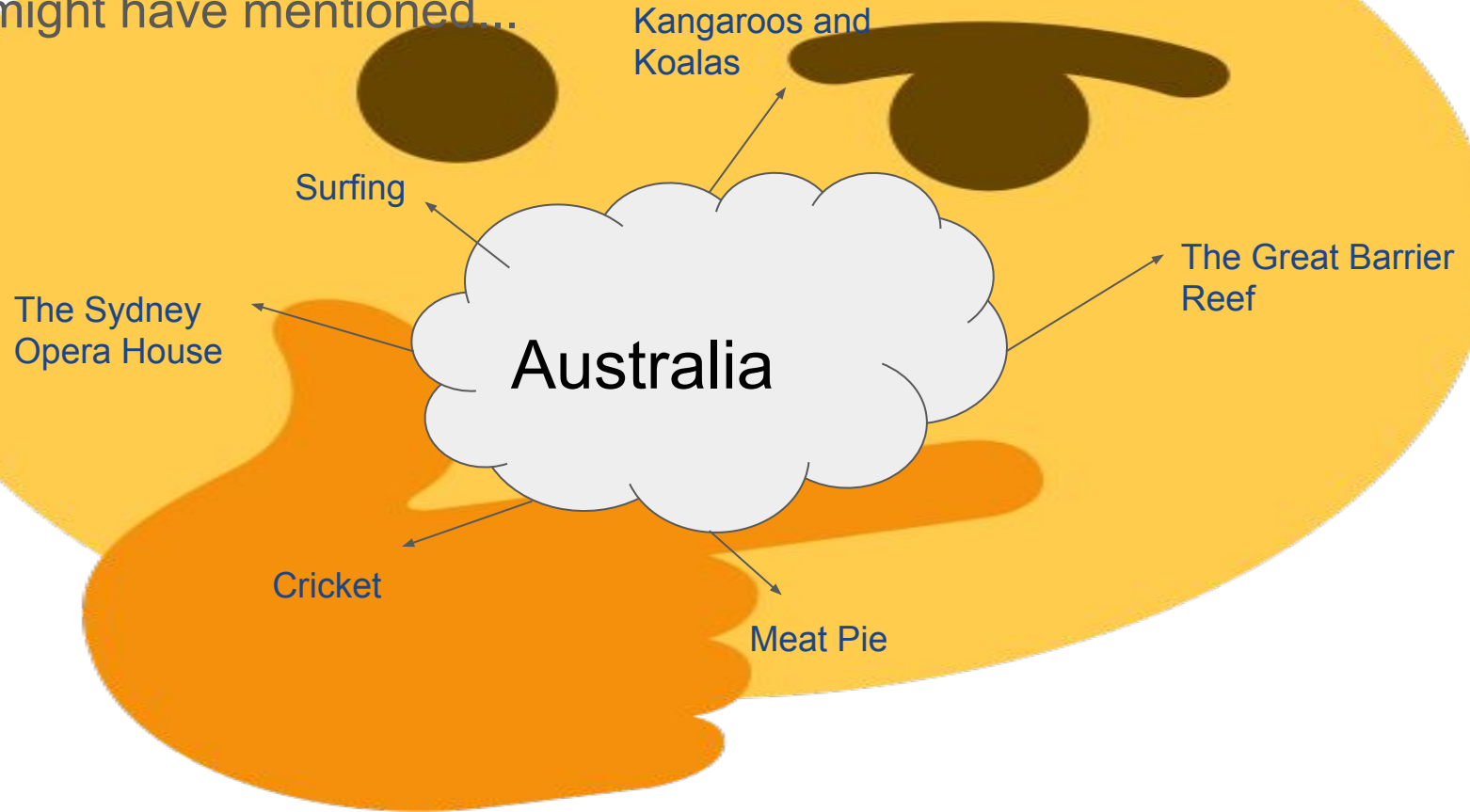
Australia!!!



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What do you think of when I say Australia?

You might have mentioned...





The Sydney Opera House

- The estimated cost of the Opera House was \$7 million but it ended up costing... \$102 million and was mainly paid for by a State Lottery.

-233 designs were submitted for the Opera House international design competition held in 1956. Jørn Utzon from Denmark was announced the winner, receiving £5000 for his design.

-Paul Robeson was the first person to perform at Sydney Opera House. In 1960, he climbed the scaffolding and sang 'Ol' Man River' to the construction workers as they ate lunch.

-Construction took 14 years. Work commenced in 1959 and involved 10,000 construction workers.



The Great Barrier Reef

- Is the world's largest reef
- The reef is millions of years old. Some coral could even be 20 million years old
- Prehistoric creatures still live there. The alien-like nautilus appears to have remained mostly unchanged over the last 500 million years!
- You could fit 70 million football fields within the space of the reef.
- Is the world's largest living organism
- The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from space



Canberra

- Capital of Australia
- Called the “Bush capital” as it is home to koalas, emus, kangaroos, endangered brush-tail rock-wallabies, and possums etc.
- Canberra means “meeting place” derived from Aboriginal word “Kamberra”
- There is an annual truffle festival
- World-class architecture

The national...



- Bird of Australia=Emu
- Animal of Australia=Kangaroo



Sport of Australia=Football(followed by cricket and rugby)



- Plant of Australia=Golden Wattle
- Colors of Australia=Green and Gold
 - Gemstone=Opal



Try visiting...



Bondi Beach



Dreamworld (Amusement park and zoo)



Sydney Harbour Bridge



Other things you should know...

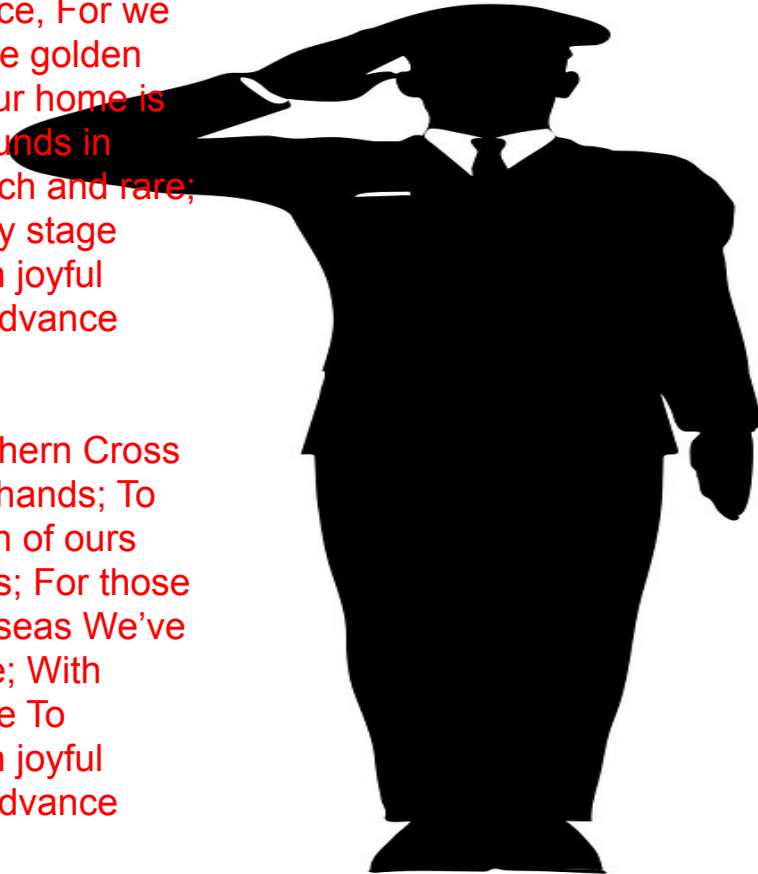
- Australia has no official language and their currency is the Australian dollar
- Australia's population is about 25.5 million as of 2020 and is estimated to grow to 42.68 million people by 2099
- Is the driest continent besides Antarctica
- Tasmania (Australian State) has the cleanest air in the world
- Have won the cricket cup 5 times and appeared in the finals 7 times
- There are three times more sheep than people living in Australia

Other things you should know...

- Koalas sleep for 20 hours a day
- Record jump for kangaroo is 9 meters in a single leap
- 17 of the world's most poisonous snakes are found in Australia
- 90% of Australians live on the coast
- The Australian Alps get more snow than the Swiss Alps
- Australia is the only continent in the world without an active volcano
- The Gold Coast has the world's largest canal system(bigger than those in Venice+Amsterdam)

Australians all let us rejoice, For we
are young and free; We've golden
soil and wealth for toil; Our home is
girt by sea; Our land abounds in
nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair. In joyful
strains then let us sing, Advance
Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands; To
make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands; For those
who've come across the seas We've
boundless plains to share; With
courage let us all combine To
Advance Australia Fair. In joyful
strains then let us sing, Advance
Australia Fair.



Let's listen to the national anthem of Australia...

Quiz time!!!



1. What was the first performance in the Sydney Opera House?
2. How long did the construction of the Sydney Opera House take?
3. True or false? Some coral in the Great Barrier Reef could be 200 million years old?
4. How many football fields can you fit into the space of the reef?
5. What does Canberra mean?
6. What is the official language of Australia?
7. How long do koalas sleep in a day?
8. How many of the world's most poisonous snakes are found in Australia?
9. What is the national animal of Australia?