**Australia**

**Historical Understandings**

SS6H4 Explain the impact of English colonization on current Aboriginal basic rights,

health, literacy, and language.

**Geographic Understandings**

SS6G11 Locate selected features of Australia.

a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: the Great Barrier Reef, Coral Sea,

Uluru/Ayers Rock, Indian and Pacific Oceans, Great Dividing Range, and Great Victoria

Desert.

SS6G12 Explain the impact of location, climate, distribution of natural resources, and

population distribution on Australia.

a. Describe how Australia’s location, climate, and natural resources impact trade and affect

where people live.

**Government/Civic Understandings**

SS6CG4 Explain forms of citizen participation in government.

a. Explain citizen participation in democratic governments [i.e. the role of citizens in

choosing the leaders of Australia (parliamentary democracy)].

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**Economic Understandings**

SS6E10 Analyze different economic systems.

a. Compare how traditional, command, and market economies answer the economic questions

of 1-what to produce, 2-how to produce, and 3-for whom to produce.

b. Explain that countries have a mixed economic system located on a continuum between pure

market and pure command.

c. Describe the economic system used in Australia.

SS6E11 Give examples of how voluntary trade benefits buyers and sellers in Australia.

a. Explain how specialization makes trade possible between countries.

b. Compare and contrast different types of trade barriers, such as tariffs, quotas, and

embargoes.

c. Explain why international trade requires a system for exchanging currency between

nations.

SS6E12 Describe factors that influence economic growth and examine their presence or

absence in Australia.

a. Evaluate how literacy rates affect the standard of living.

b. Explain the relationship between investment in human capital (education and training) and

gross domestic product (GDP per capita).

c. Explain the relationship between investment in capital goods (factories, machinery, and

technology) and gross domestic product (GDP per capita).

d. Describe the role of natural resources in a country’s economy.

e. Describe the role of entrepreneurship.

SS6E13 Understand that a basic principle of effective personal money management is to

live within one’s income.

a. Understand that income is received from work and is limited.

b. Understand that a budget is a tool to plan the spending and saving of income.

c. Understand the reasons and benefits of saving.

d. Understand the uses and costs of credit