Lesson two: Australia’s Diverse Landscape

This activity can be used as a teacher demonstration for younger pupils and an independent activity for older pupils.

Overlay Map Activity Instructions

1. Start with your handout Base map of Australia: draw the landform regions on to the base template using the image above as a guide.

2. Create a map key to show the colour code of each landform region.

Starter questions:
- Which landform region covers the largest area of Australia?
- Which landform region is located in the east?
- Which landform region is located in the west?
ROUND TWO

3. Trace map two (Highland areas) on to transparency film or tracing paper and give the map a title.

4. Label the highland areas in another colour and create a key.

5. Answer the questions below:
   - Which landform region is Uluru or Ayers Rock in?
   - Which landform region are the Flinders and Barrier Ranges in?
   - Which landform regions is the Great Dividing Range in?

ROUND THREE

6. Trace map three (Bodies of Water/Rivers and Waterways) on to transparent film or tracing paper.

7. Answer the questions below:
   - Which landform region is Lake Eyre in?
   - Over which three landform regions does the Murray-Darling River Basin flow (Darling, Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers)?

CHALLENGE ROUND

8. Trace map one (areas of high rainfall) on to transparent film or tracing paper.

9. Answer the questions below:
   - Which landform region has the highest rainfall and which has the lowest?