
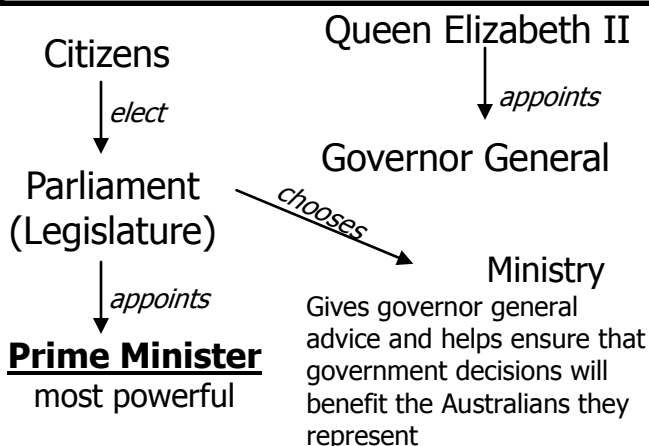


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GOVERNMENT *Federal Parliamentary Democracy*



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GEOGRAPHY

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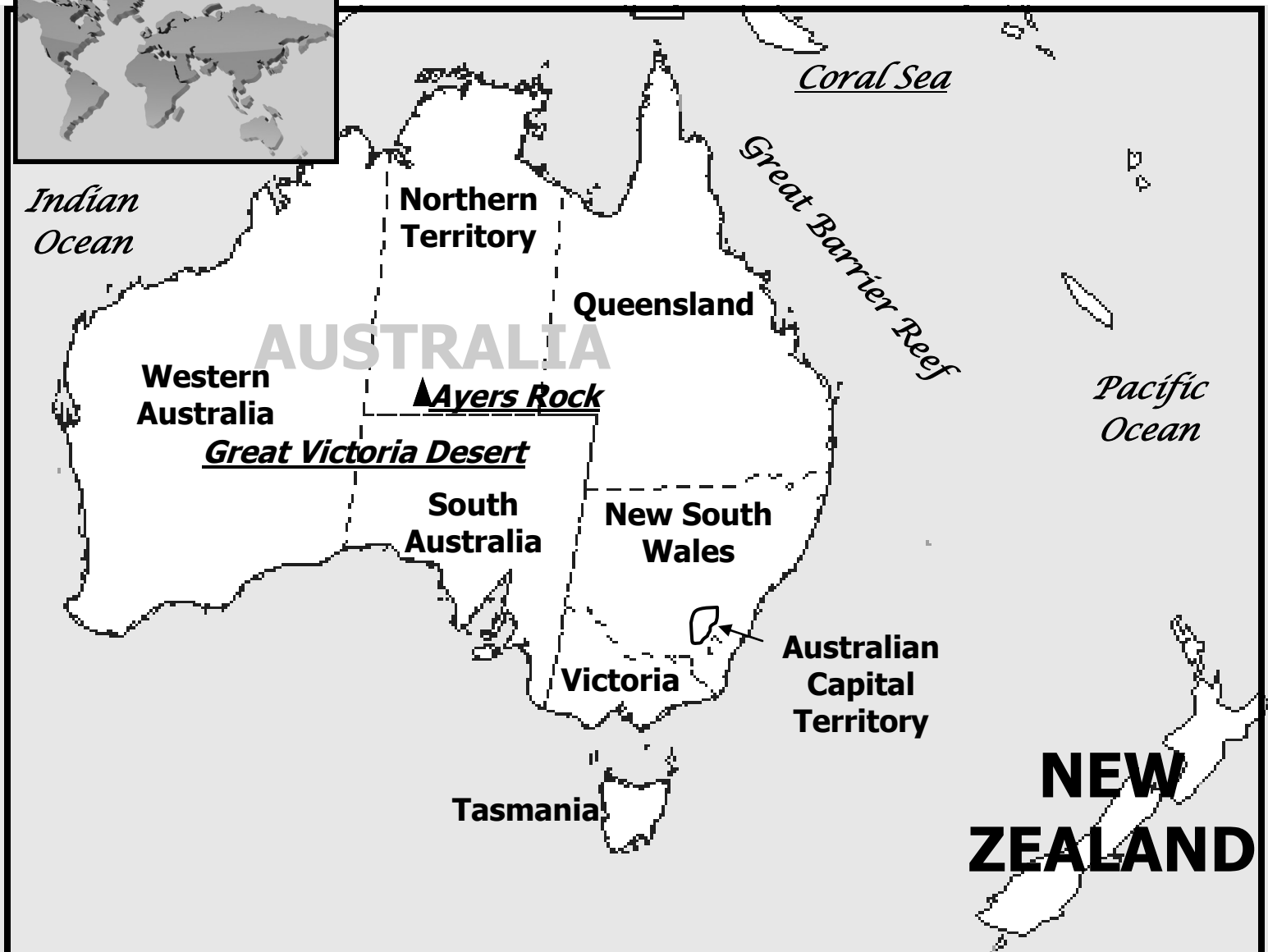
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Ayers Rock: also known as **Mount Uluru**, is the **sacred** site for the Aborigines. It is Australia's **most famous** natural landmark.



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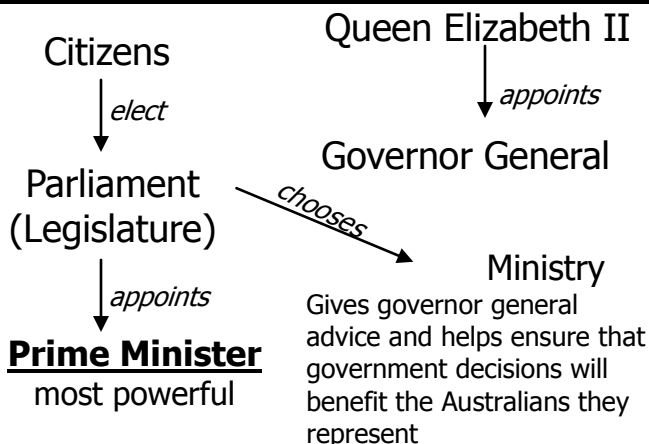


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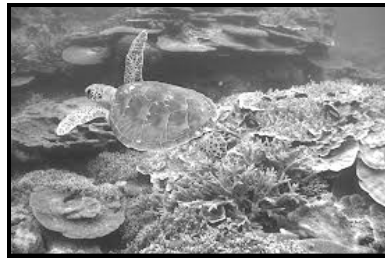
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