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Geography






What do you know of the Murray-Darling Basin?

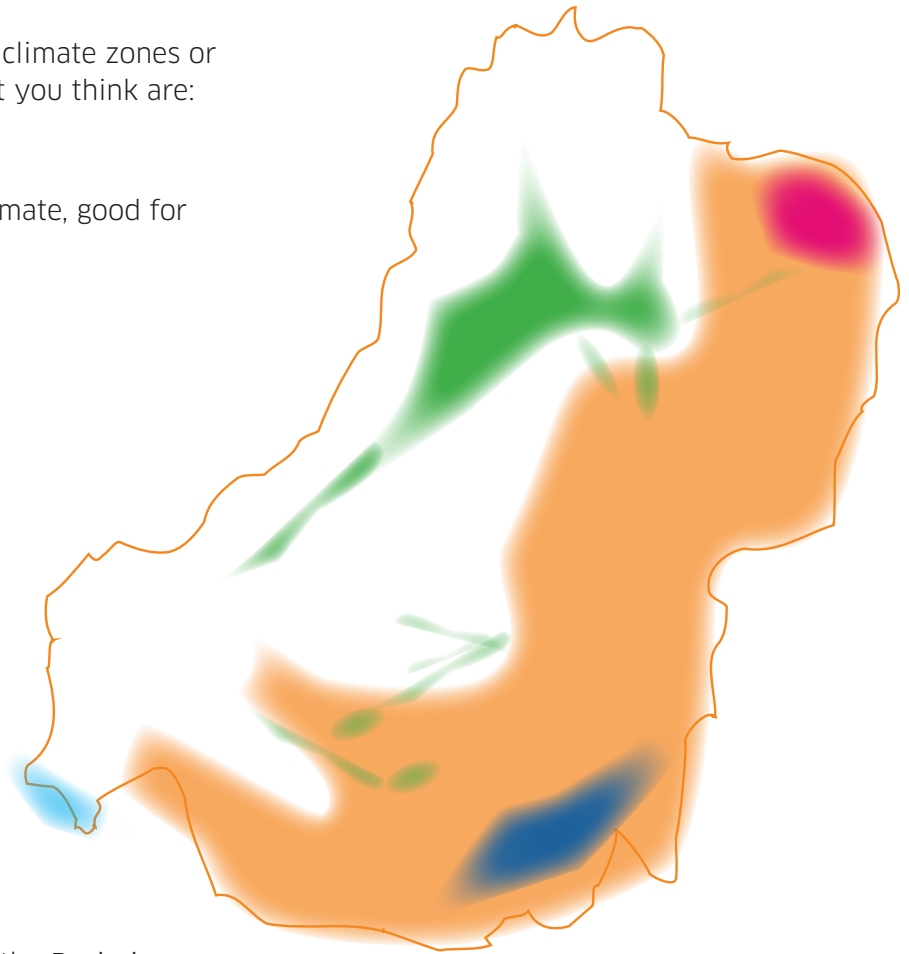


1. On the map, draw/shade where you think the Basin is, and its rough shape.
2. Put crosses where you think the Murray and Darling rivers start (use different colours and label).
3. Draw arrows on the map - showing the direction in which these rivers flow.
4. Draw a circle where the River Murray outlets to the sea.
5. Put a tick in the states or territories that the Basin does not pass through.
6. If you can, draw in and label some rivers.
7. If you can, add in dots and labels for some main towns.



8. In different colours, shade the climate zones or environments in the Basin that you think are:

-  tropical/sub-tropical
-  temperate (mostly even climate, good for growing crops)
-  cold, mountainous/alpine
-  floodplains
-  estuarine (where fresh and salt water mix).



9. The approximate total area of the Basin is:

- (a) 10,000 km² (b) 100,000 km² (c) 1,000,000 km²

10. Approximately what percentage of Australia does the Basin cover?

- (a) 2% (b) 14% (c) 35%

11. About how many wetlands are in the Basin?

- (a) 2,000 (b) 15,000 (c) 30,000

12. How long is the River Murray?

- (a) 120 km (b) 1,145 kms (c) 2,530 kms

13. What is the environment in approximately the western half of the Basin?

- (a) forest (b) semi-arid (c) wetlands

14. Which states' borders are formed by the River Murray?

- (a) QLD/NSW (b) NSW/VIC (c) VIC/SA

15. About how much of the rain that falls on the Basin evaporates?

- (a) 5% (b) 25% (c) 96%