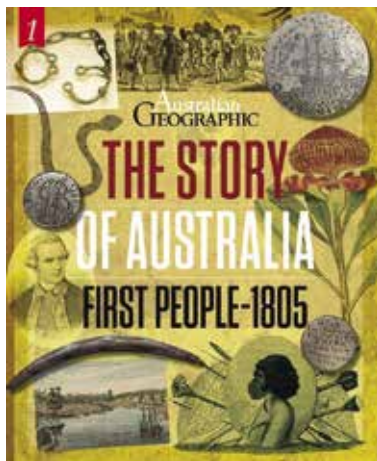


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## The Story of Australia

By William Finch

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*The Story of Australia* is a curriculum-linked series comprising 12 volumes covering the history of Australia from 'First People' until 2021. It is suitable for students aged 8+ and currently covers key topics from the Years 3–6 Australian Curriculum: History and the Years 9 and 10 Australian Curriculum: History.

The volumes are both accessible to students and visually appealing. The pastiche on the cover of each volume is fascinating in itself and gives students and teachers a great indication of the content covered in that volume. Each double-page spread is laid out with colourful images to catch the student's eye. The sources used are relevant, educational and well-chosen to pique the interest of students.

The textual information is supplied in short blocks of text supported by the visuals, which allows students of varying abilities to access the information easily. The language used does become more sophisticated as the series progresses to allow for the variance in year levels across the series.

A great feature of each volume is the timeline of key events across the bottom of each double-paged spread. This allows students to hone in on important incidents and key historical figures of that time period.

The twelve volumes available are organised chronologically into the following volumes:

1. First People–1805
2. 1806–1830
3. 1831–1855
4. 1856–1877
5. 1878–1898
6. 1899–1914
7. 1915–1932
8. 1933–1945
9. 1946–1964
10. 1965–1983
11. 1984–2003
12. 2003–2021.

This series would be a great reference tool for students and teachers. It would be useful to have a set in the school library, education centre or history storeroom.