Everyday Explorers: Australia and New Zealand

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Explore the history of a different state of Australia or area of New Zealand one unit at a time. You can find the complete unit on the Dailies Archive in the Lessons Library, organized by state or area. Tour all of Australia or just a state of interest. The complete Build a Zoo project is there, too! This section covered two days of our adventure in Tasmania.

The Cadbury Chocolate Factory, Day One

We have one more place I really want to show you in Tasmania. It’s quite possibly the tastiest stop of all—the Cadbury chocolate factory! We won’t be allowed into the areas
where they actually make the chocolates, but we can spend some time in the visitor’s centre, taste-test a few things, and learn a bit about chocolate. Do you want to go?

Chocolate has had many different uses throughout history. It was a special drink for the Mayan Indians (who even used it as a type of money). Of course, we all know it as a favorite dessert of people all over the world.

Cocoa trees grow in the tropical regions of the world. The trees grow cocoa pods that are harvested twice a year. Each tree will produce twenty or thirty pods each year, and it takes everything one tree can grow in a year to yield just 450 mgs of chocolate!

Before those cocoa beans become tasty chocolate, they have to be harvested, fermented, dried, bagged, winnowed, roasted, and ground—all before the beans can be pressed to make cocoa butter. Cocoa butter is just one of the key ingredients in the chocolates we enjoy today.

Here is a website that will get you started exploring.

The notebooking pages in your Explorer Pack (found below lesson two) will guide you through the next two days of our expedition!

Explore More:

What are some things that happened in your life in 2013? What about things you have heard about on the news. Choose one of the events you’ve thought of and write a news story about it in your Explorer Pack.

Quick Questions and Answers:

How many kilometers did we travel from our last stop? Write your answer in your Explorer Pack.
The Cadbury Chocolate Factory, Day Two

Not only has chocolate had a long history, Cadbury has had quite a history, too. John Cadbury began the Cadbury business in 1824. Later the company was run by his son George and other members of the family under the name of Cadbury Brothers Limited. In 1919, the family decided to merge with J.S. Fry & Sons.

The Cadbury factory here in Claremont was built by Cadbury-Fry and Pascall. Mr. Pascall had joined with Cadbury and Fry in 1922 to create a new Australian Cadbury company. When they found this site in Claremont, Tasmania, they knew they had found the site they needed to build their factory. Hobart was close enough that it could provide them with energy and really good, fresh milk.

During World War II, the Australian Armed Forces relied on Cadbury to supply all the chocolate rations their troops needed all over the world. Cadbury created a specially formulated ration chocolate so that it wouldn’t melt in some of the places the troops were serving in, like the tropics and the desert.

I think it’s pretty neat that not only did Cadbury supply all the chocolate the troops needed, but that they made sure it wouldn’t melt and be ruined before they got to enjoy it. What do you think?
Explore More

Use the pages from your Explorer Pack to help you complete these activities.

Grades K-12

Here’s a project the entire family can enjoy! You will find a bunch of tasty chocolate recipes here. With a parent’s permission, and if no one in your family is allergic to chocolate, try one or more of the recipes you find. (If there are allergy concerns, find an alternative tasty goodie you can make and share!)

When you’re finished, write your recipe in your Explorer Pack so you can make it again sometime!

**Tasmania Explorer Pack Pages Below**
CADBURY 2013

Use this page to record all of your observations as you explore.
Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

What has happened in your life?
Write a story about it below.

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