Queensland History Week: Webquest Activity

Welcome, historians! In this webquest, you will embark on a journey to discover 10 significant Australian historical figures who have left an indelible mark on the nation's history. Use the internet to answer the following questions:

- 1. Who was Australia's first saint, known for founding the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and her work in education and social welfare?
- 2. Who was the Australian navigator and cartographer who circumnavigated and mapped the coastline of Australia, earning him the title of the first person to do so?
- 3. Who was the Australian poet and writer best known for his iconic ballads such as "Waltzing Matilda" and "The Man from Snowy River"?
- 4. Who was the Australian politician known as the "Father of Federation" for his efforts in advocating for the federation of the Australian colonies?
- 5. Who was the Australian cricketer widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time, holding numerous records and accolades in the sport?
- 6. Who was the Australian athlete who won the gold medal in the 400 meters at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, becoming a symbol of unity and reconciliation for Indigenous Australians?
- 7. Who was the Australian aviator who made the first trans-Pacific flight from the United States to Australia in 1928, establishing several aviation records?
- 8. Who was the Australian Prime Minister known for implementing significant social and economic reforms during the Great Depression, including the introduction of the minimum wage and unemployment benefits?
- 9. Who was the Australian feminist writer and academic known for her influential works such as "The Female Eunuch" and her contributions to the women's liberation movement?
- 10. Who was the Australian writer and poet celebrated for his vivid and evocative portrayals of Australian bush life in works such as "The Drover's Wife" and "The Loaded Dog"?





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- 1. Mary MacKillop
- 2. Matthew Flinders
- 3. Banjo Paterson
- 4. Henry Parkes
- 5. Donald Bradman
- 6. Cathy Freeman
- 7. Charles Kingsford Smith
- 8. Joseph Lyons
- 9. Germaine Greer
- 10. Henry Lawson



