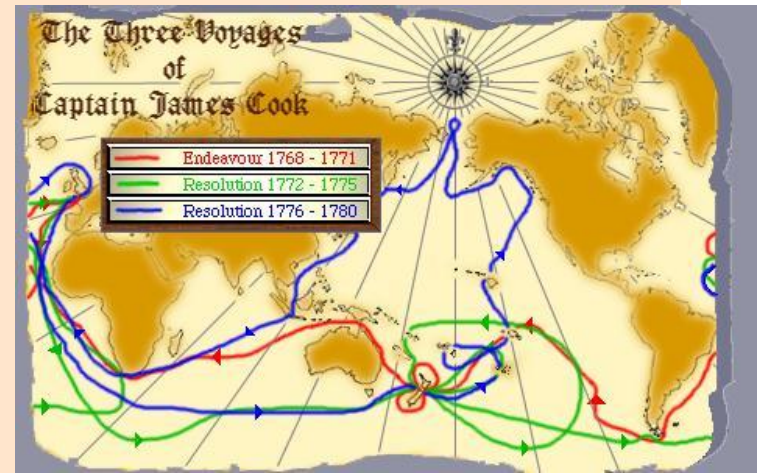




English-speaking countries. Australia



Geography

The continent of Australia, with the island state of Tasmania, is approximately equal in area to the United States (excluding Alaska and Hawaii).

Mountain ranges run from north to south along the east coast, reaching their highest point in Mount Kosciusko (7,308 ft; 2,228 m). The western half of the continent is occupied by a desert plateau that rises into barren, rolling hills near the west coast. The Great Barrier Reef, extending about 1,245 mi (2,000 km), lies along the northeast coast. The island of Tasmania (26,178 sq mi; 67,800 sq km) is off the southeast coast.

History

- **The first inhabitants of Australia were the Aborigines, who migrated there at least 40,000 years ago from Southeast Asia. There may have been between a half million to a full million Aborigines at the time of European settlement; today about 350,000 live in Australia.**

History

- **Dutch, Portuguese, and Spanish ships sighted Australia in the 17th century; the Dutch landed at the Gulf of Carpentaria in 1606. In 1616 the territory became known as New Holland.**

History



In 1770, James Cook sailed along and mapped the east coast of Australia, which he named New South Wales and claimed for Great Britain



James Cook

Born 7 November 1728

Marton, Yorkshire, England

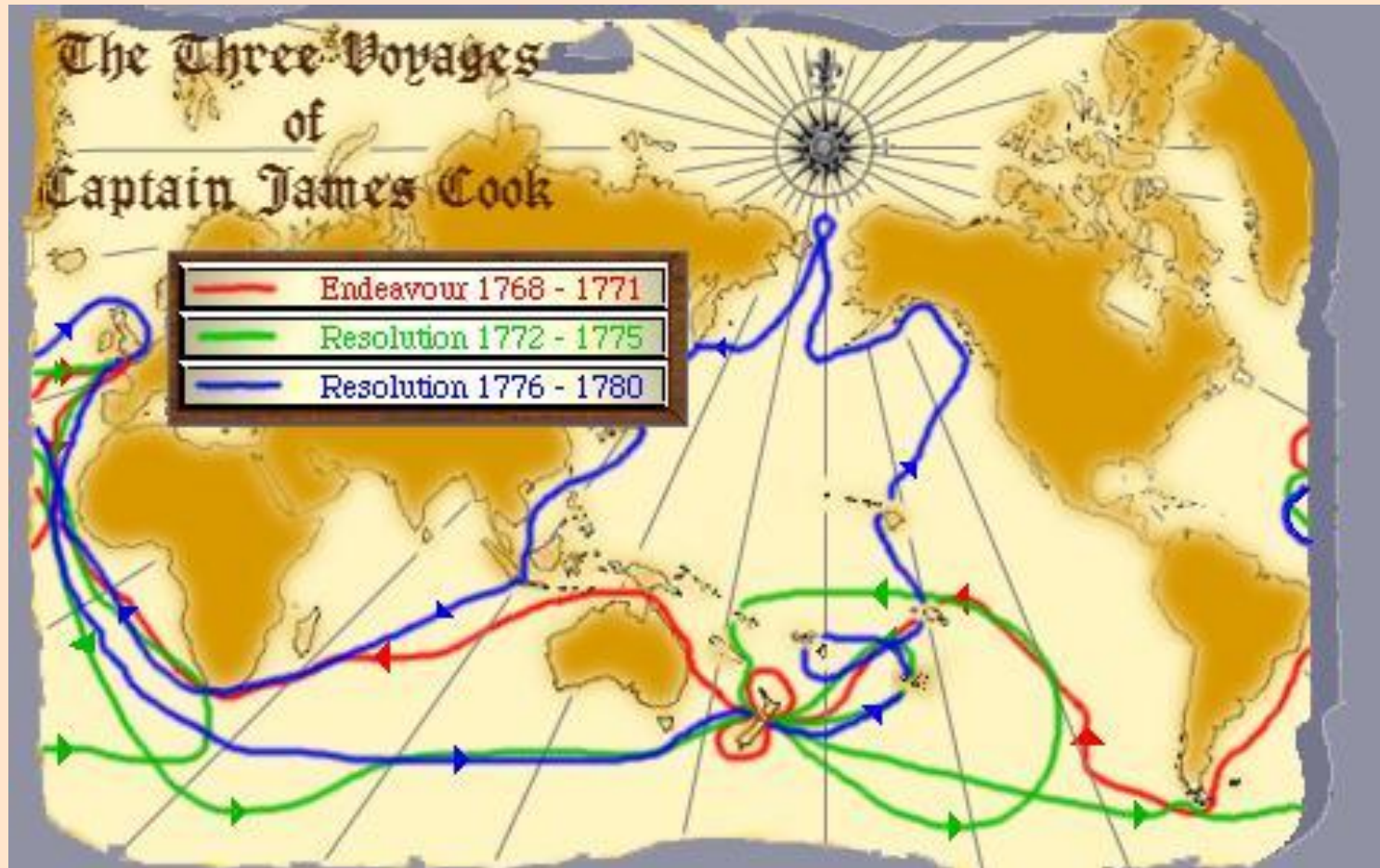
Died 14 February 1779, Hawaii
(aged 50)

Occupation

Explorer, navigator, cartographer

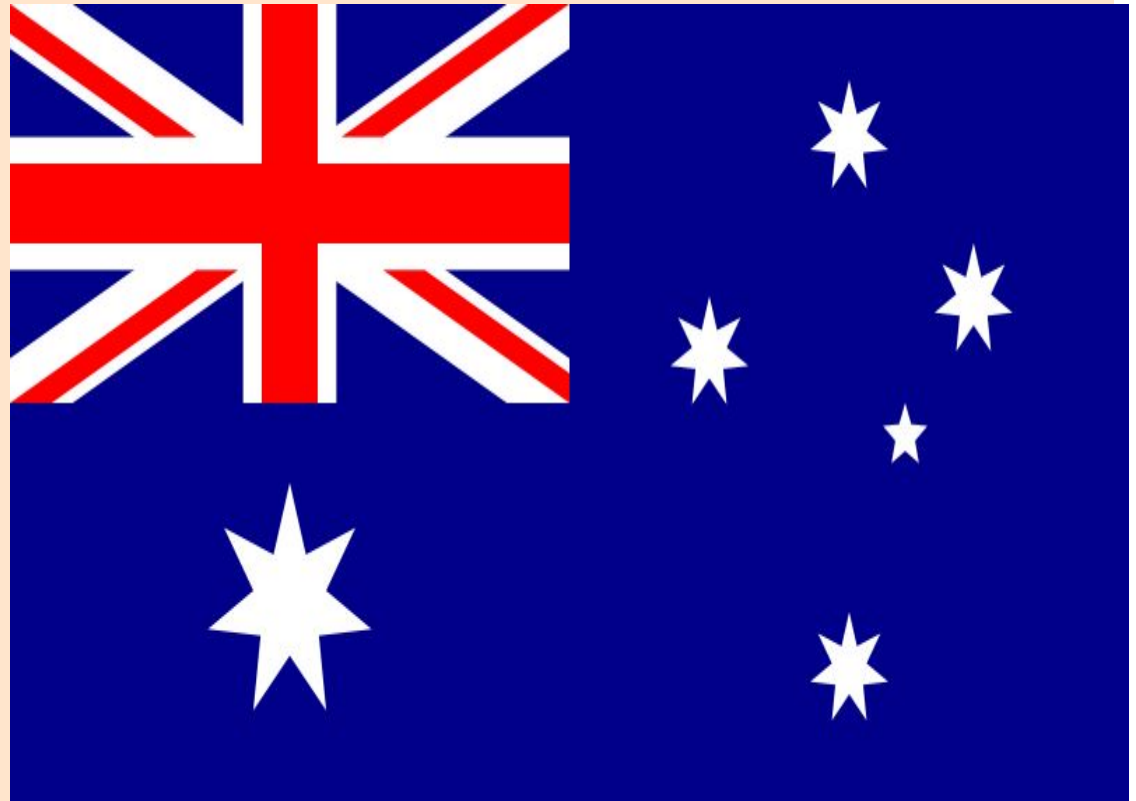
Title Captain

James Cook voyages



Commonwealth

Australian Flag



Australia's heraldic animals



The Red Kangaroo is the largest and one of Australia's heraldic animals, appearing with the Emu on the Coat of Arms of Australia.

Australia's heraldic animals

Emu



Coat of arms of Australia



Coat of arms of Australia

The Coat of Arms out the front of Parliament House, Canberra





Australian Animals



- **The Tasmanian Tiger became extinct in 1936.**



What else?



Australian Cities

Melbourne, Sydney





What else?

Australian English

The origin of Australian English

- **The anglophone Australia and New Zealand are two of the youngest nations in the world. The first Europeans who took their residence in Australia came 205 years ago. They did not come because they wanted to. Australia was founded as a penal colony.**

**Here you will find words
which have different
meanings
or are spelled differently in
British and Australian
English.**

British - Australian English

- a good job a good lurk
- Absolutely! Reckon!
- accident prang
- afternoon arvo
- alcohol grog
- American Yank

British - Australian English

- banana nana
- beer amber (fluid)
- biscuit Bickie
- chicken chook
- chocolate chokkie
- Christmas Chrissie
- criminal bushranger

British - Australian English

- information oil
- it she
- it's fine she's apples
- tea kettle Billie
- teacher chalkie
- Well done! Good on ya!



What else?