

7. Student Reflection

2. What was the most interesting/surprising thing you've learnt?

The most surprising thing I've learnt is that Outback Australia have to drive ten hours to get to school and that they are taught by radio which is powered by a 12-volt car battery!

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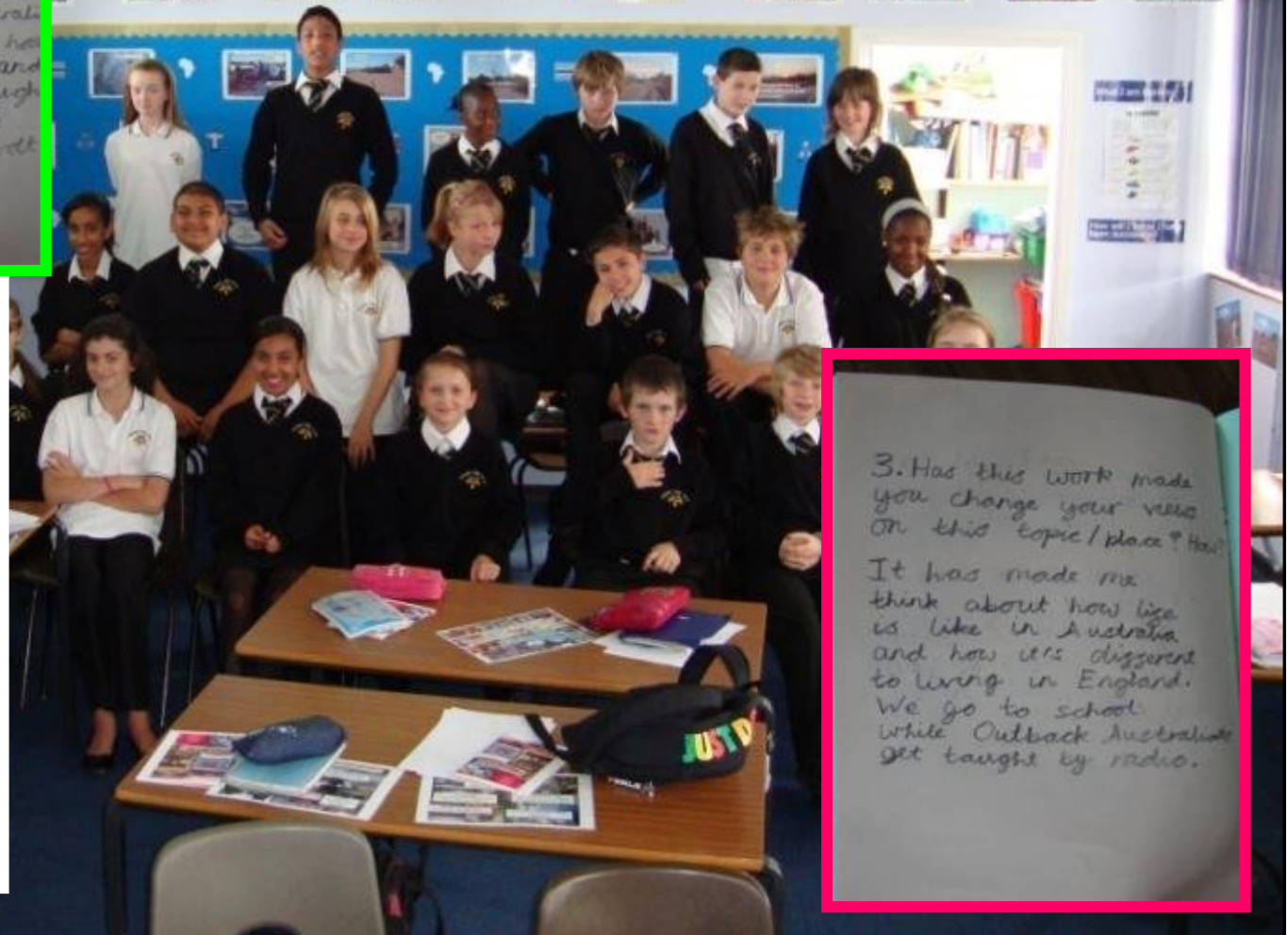
I have learnt where Australia is and some of the places that are in it.

I have learnt how to work in my group. I worked hard and they helped me.

The project did not go well because it was hard to make what it could be.

3. Has this work made you change your view on this topic/place? How?

It has made me think about how life is like in Australia and how it's different to living in England. We go to school while Outback Australia get taught by radio.



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Debrief Thursday 18th
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1) What did you learn from this piece of work?

From this piece of work, I learnt, that for some children in the Outback they have to be schooled by radio, therefore they don't know what it's like to go to a proper school with lots of other children.

2) What was the most interesting / surprising thing you learnt?

The most interesting thing I learnt was about pastoralist families and how the children have to work on a farm as well as being schooled. The most surprising thing I learnt was that the children actually get delivered their worksheets / books via aeroplane.

3) Has this work made you change your views on this topic/place?

Yes it has. I've changed my opinion on thinking that being radio-schooled was a good way to learn. I now think that it isn't because you wouldn't get to socialise with friends.

4) How would you explain what you have learnt to someone younger than you?

I would show them my powerpoint and website that I did for my assessment because it includes lots of information and detail in a more simpler form.

5) Would you have out something different from other resources?

The internet had a lot of information but not all of it was needed so books on the school of the air contained different (necessary) information.

6) How did you set about combining information from different sources?

I gathered every single snippet of information and then categorised them into the bits I need and bits I don't.

I separated all of my information and put it in my powerpoint and website.

7) What did you find easy, what did you find difficult?

I found gathering information, easy although separating them was hard.

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My Assessment Debrief

1. What did you learnt from this piece of work?

I have learnt alot about Australia and the Outback, especially about the School of the air. Mostly things like how children do not go to School but instead get schooled by radio for each family with a child registered at the School of the air is supplied with a two way radio allowing the child to answer the teacher over the microphones. I have also learnt how food is ordered beforehand and is delivered to them via aroplane and also how water is pumped into the houses using a diesel generator outside. Unfortunately for people living in the outback they also have limited power.

Here are some extra facts I have learnt:

- The most popular job in the out back is a Cattle farmer meaning that alot of families are Pastoralist families.
- Usually, the mearest school is about a 10 hour drive.
- The weather differs dramastically from the scorching 50°C in Summer days and drop to a freezing -10°C during winter nights.