

Year 6 Project Pack: Anywhere Island


During this project you will:

- develop your problem-solving and creative thinking skills;
- make decisions and choices;
- use a range of geographical skills;
- discuss your opinions on important issues;
- let your imagination run wild and;
- Have fun!



Lesson 1: The Discovery

Whilst out exploring, you have found an uninhabited, undiscovered island, which you can now claim as your own kingdom!



You're like a modern-day version of me, Christopher Columbus... And if you don't know who I am then try and find out!

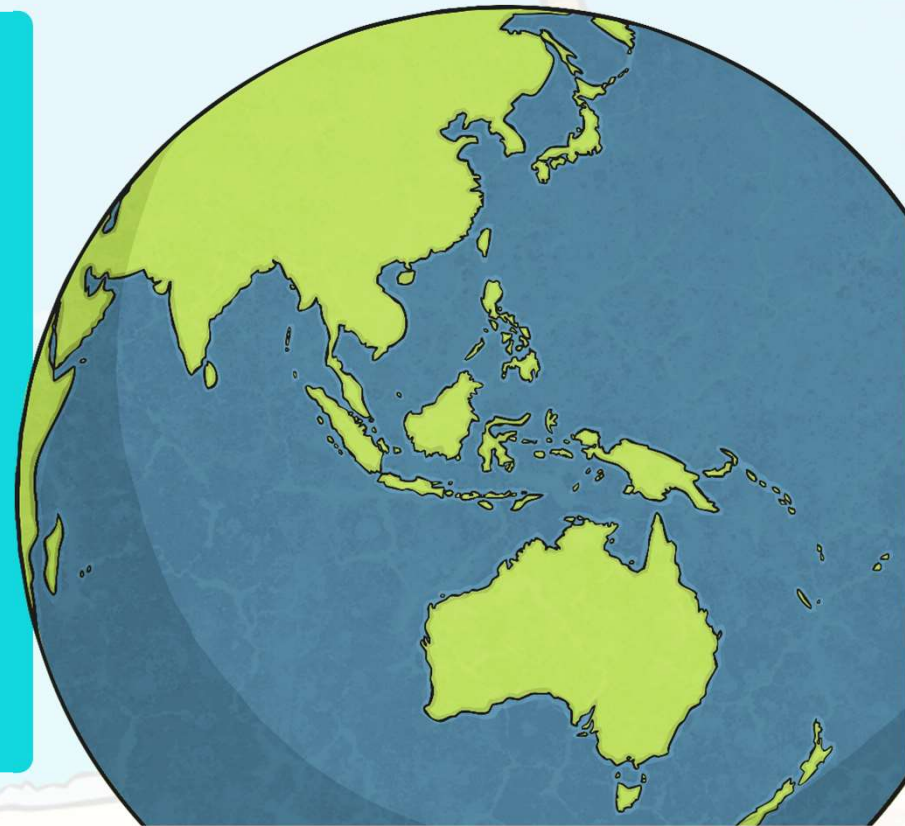
Where in the World Are You?

So where were you sailing when you made this astonishing discovery?

Where in the world would you like your island to be?

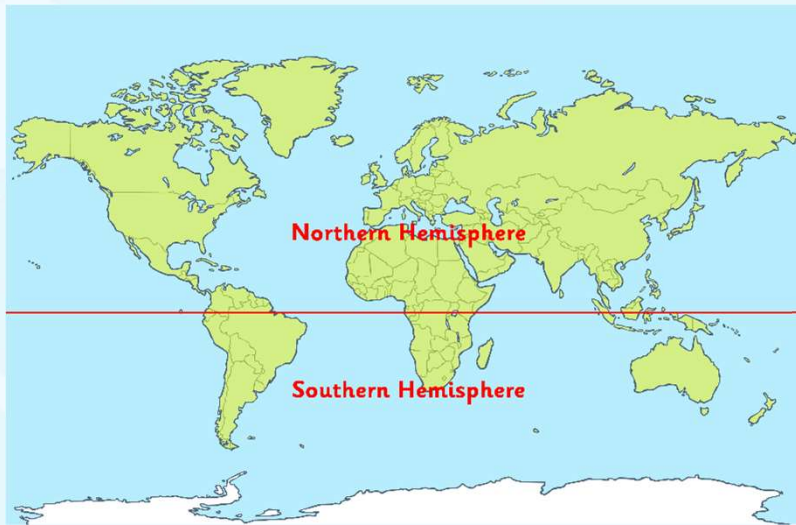
Use atlases, globes or interactive maps on the internet, to decide where you'd like your newly discovered island to be.

- Which sea or ocean does your island lay in?
- Is it in the Southern or Northern Hemisphere?
- Which countries and other islands are closest to it?
 - How close?
- Which continent may claim it?



X Marks the Spot!

Mark an **x** on your world map to show where your island is located.



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How close?

The Location of My Island

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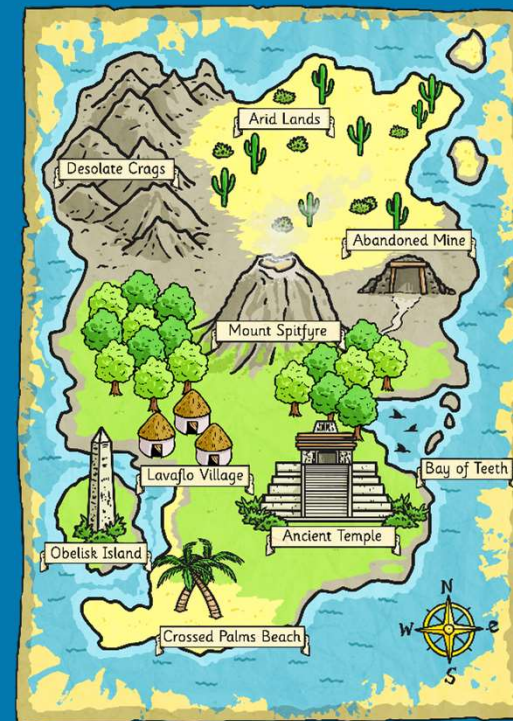
My island lies just off the west coast of...

To the south of my island is the country of...

It is in the _____ ocean/sea.

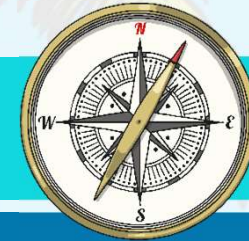
Designing Your Island

Now is your chance to design your island.
What will it be called? What geographical features will it have?
Look at these maps for some inspiration...



Your Anywhere Island

Discuss these questions with a partner.

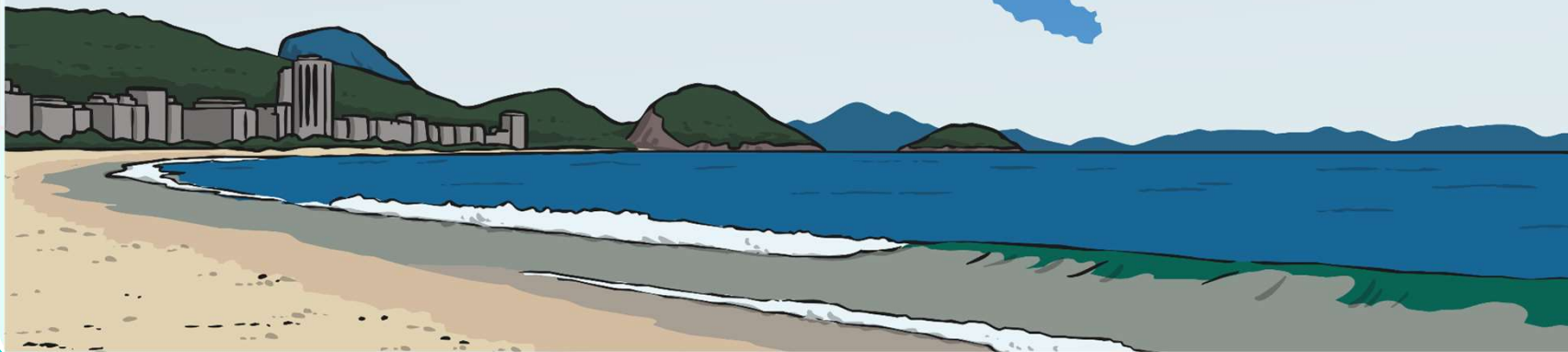


What landmarks have you added to your island?

What are the co-ordinates of a specific landmark?

What is your most southerly landmark?

Can you work out the total area of your island?



Lesson 2: First Impressions

You are approaching your new kingdom for the first time.

Whereabouts on your island would your boat dock? Which coast is that on?

Close your eyes and imagine...



Use Your Senses



What can you see around you?



What can you smell?



What can you hear?



What can you feel – With your fingers?
Under your feet? Against your cheeks?

How would you actually feel...
a sense of excitement? Nervousness? Accomplishment?

Collect Ambitious Vocabulary

Use the **Use Your Senses Idea Collection Activity Sheet** to write down all the words and phrases you can think of.

Use thesauruses and dictionaries to try to collect rich and ambitious vocabulary.

Share your ideas as a class.



Use Your Ideas!

Now turn your ideas into a passage of descriptive writing about your first impressions of your island.

How could you open your sentences?

Upon first glance...

Above my head...

Everywhere I looked...

With utter jubilation...

Mysteriously...

Under my feet...

As I came into dock...



Picture the Scene!

Read out your description to your class, or a partner.

If you closed your eyes, could you be there on the island with them?

What is their most ambitious word choice? Why? What does the word mean?



Lesson 3: Creating a National Identity

Every country in the world has its own distinctive traditions, culture and language. Your island currently has no identity, and now's the time to start creating one.

In this lesson, you will design a national flag and a national anthem.



National Flags

The national flag of a country can often have a deep meaning and hold symbolic significance for the people of a nation.

Let's test your flag knowledge – can you name the country that these national flags belong to?

Could you guess the meaning behind each one's colours, symbols or shapes?



The National Flag of...

Do you know which country this flag belongs to?

Do you know the meaning behind it?

Brazil



Each colour of the Brazilian flag symbolises something very important to Brazilian culture. The yellow represents the country's gold reserves, the green represents the country's tropical landscape and the blue is a globe with 27 white stars upon it (one for every district in Brazil).

Across the globe, the banner reads 'Ordem E Progresso', which is a Brazilian motto meaning 'Order and Progress'.

The National Flag of...

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Do you know the meaning behind it?

Bolivia



Again, the colours of this flag are significant to their people. The red is said to represent their brave soldiers, the green – their fertile land and the yellow – the country's mineral deposits.

The 'coat of arms' in the middle of the flag is the country's national symbol. It contains many other symbolic images, including their national animal (the llama), and laurel leaves to bring peace.

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Canada



The red maple leaf has been the national symbol of Canada for over 150 years. For Canadian people, it is a symbol of unity, tolerance and peace.

Red and white are the official colours of Canada, proclaimed by King George V in 1921.

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Do you know the meaning behind it?

Nigeria



The green stripes of Nigeria's flag represent their lush vegetation and its agriculture industry (that the Nigerians would call their natural wealth).

While the white stripe represents their desire for peace.

A National Anthem

A national anthem is a patriotic song that is officially adopted by a country as an expression of their national identity.



Do you know the national anthem for the country you live in?

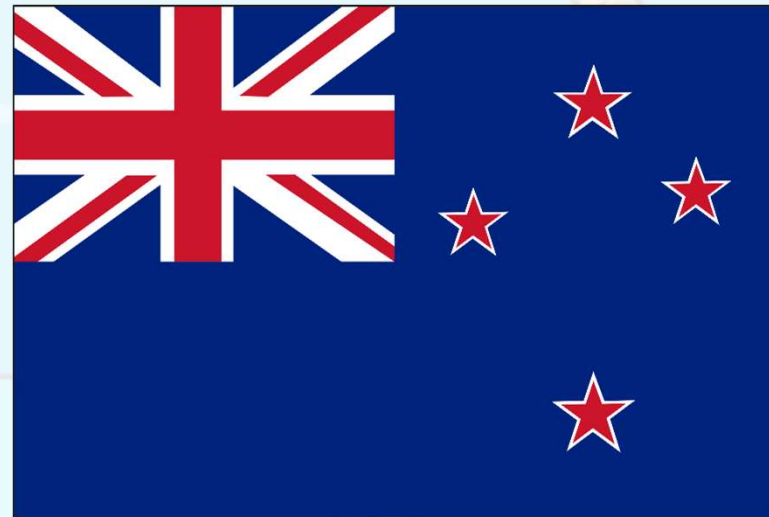
National Anthem Lyrics

The lyrics (words) of a national anthem often tell the story of a country's history traditions and sometimes the struggles of its people.

Which country are these national anthem lyrics from?

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend _____.

New Zealand



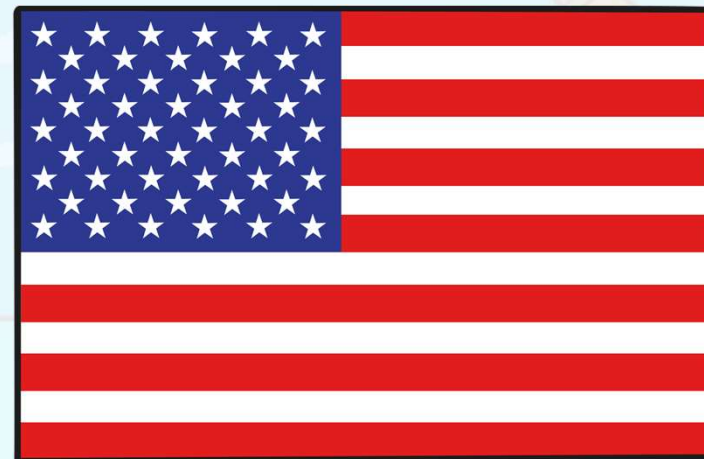
National Anthem Lyrics

Which country are these national anthem lyrics from?

What do you think they mean?

Oh, say! Can you see by the dawns early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilights last
gleaming;
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was
still there:
Oh say! Does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave?

**United States
of America**



National Anthem Lyrics

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This land of my fathers is dear to me
Land of poets and singers, and people of stature
Her brave warriors, fine patriots
Shed their blood for freedom.

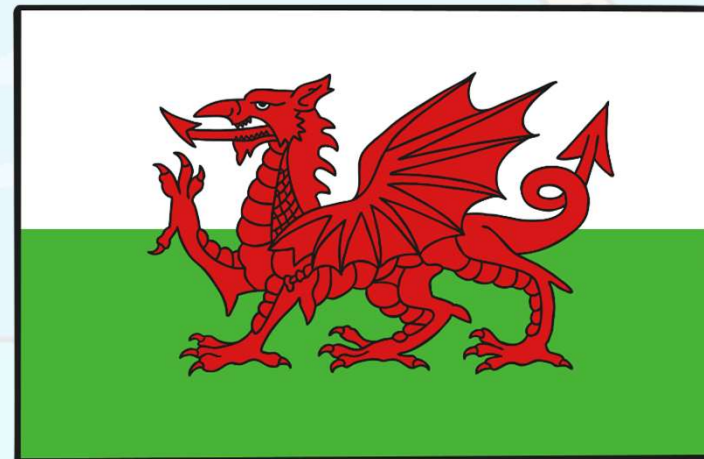
Land! Land! I am true to my land!

*As long as the sea serves as a wall for this pure,
dear land*

May the language endure forever.

Old land of the mountains, paradise of the poets,
Every valley, every cliff a beauty guards'
Through love of my country, enchanting voices
will be
Her stream and rivers to me.

Wales



Composing Your National Anthem

You now need to think of some national anthem lyrics to symbolise your island.

They could relate to...

- your island's landscape;
- your island's history;
- your island's values or a country motto;

and/or

- the person who discovered your island... you!



Your Nation's Identity

Creating a National Identity



The story behind my national flag...



Can you create lyrics for your national

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Reflection

Reflection Questions

- How did you design your flag? Why?
- What do the colours represent on your flag?
- Who would like to share their national anthem?
- What specific words have you used in your song? Why?