

The West Australian



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Read the feature topic on Australia's gold in today's ED! Magazine and complete some of the activities below.



- Give two examples of how Australia changed as a result of the gold rushes.
- Other than jewellery, what are some uses of gold?
- To what extent is gold mining important to the Australian economy? Give a reason for your answer.



- Does anyone in your class have a family member who works in the gold mining industry? If so, what do they say about their work?
- What role did Australia's Indigenous people play during the gold rushes?
- Find the location of five gold mines in WA and place them on a map.
- Although people can occasionally find gold nuggets, most gold used today is held within rock. Find out how gold is extracted from the ore.
- Visit <https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/gold-rushes> and choose one of the artworks showing a gold mining scene. Make a list of five things you can learn about what life of a gold miner was like by looking at the image.



- What might be the pluses and minuses of using pure gold as currency?



- Check out the Heart of Gold Australia app and then develop a print advertisement about it that could be placed into an educational publication.
- Design a gold medal for the next Olympics.



- Flick through today's copy of *The West Australian* to see if there are any stories that relate to gold or other mining.

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Join *The West's* Media Education team in our aim to create a media-savvy generation.

Online Media Education activities are designed to enable students to become critical consumers of news. Through completing the activities, students will develop the skills to consider, question, inquire and challenge reported news stories. Media Education encourages students to be informed citizens of global issues considering multiple perspectives before generating their own ideas and opinions.



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Read the stories in ED! Magazine's *NEWS FLASH* column and complete some of the activities below.

Telethon success story



- What do the funds raised by Telethon go to?
- What were three of the biggest donations?



- Did you go to the Telethon Family Festival or watch Telethon on TV over the weekend? What was your favourite part?

NZ election landslide



- Who won the recent election in NZ?
- What political party does she represent?
- What does 'outright majority' mean?



Why do you think the NZ economy would have been 'battered by the pandemic'?



- Find out five things about Jacinda Ardern.

Zempilas new mayor



- How often are local government elections held?
- Who can vote in the City of Perth elections?



- Do you think Perth needs to be made 'cleaner and friendlier'? What are some things that could be done to make it more so?



- Search online or through today's copy of *The West Australian* to see if there are any stories relating to the City of Perth. What issues are identified?