Did you know that in 1901, when the Commonwealth of Australia was established, Canberra was still a small rural community? Learn more about Canberra on the World Book Web.

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Type Canberra in the Search box and click Search.

Click on the Canberra article and answer the questions below.

Circle the correct answer.

1. In what year did the first white people reach the Canberra area?
   a) 1820
   b) 1901
   c) 1913

2. When was the Commonwealth of Australia established?
   a) 1913
   b) 1901
   c) 1908

3. Who won the international design competition to design the national capital?
   a) Charles R. Scrivener
   b) Tony Abbott
   c) Walter Burley Griffin

4. In which year did construction begin?
   a) 1913
   b) 1911
   c) 1912

5. Australian Parliament met in Canberra for the first time in which year?
   a) 1928
   b) 1927
   c) 1926

6. Who selected the city’s present site?
   a) Charles R. Scrivener
   b) Henry Parkes
   c) Walter Burley Griffin

7. In which year was the new Parliament House opened?
   a) 1987
   b) 1989
   c) 1988
8. Which river runs through Canberra?
   a) Molonglo River
   b) Murray River
   c) Murrumbidgee River

9. What is the name of the lake in the central part of the city?
   a) Lake Eyre
   b) Lake Burley Griffin
   c) Lake Eucumbene

In Related Information tab under Encyclopedia Articles click on Australian Capital Territory (ACT) then click on the image of the Canberra Coat of Arms and answer the question below.

10. On 7 November 1928 the Canberra Coat of Arms was granted to the city of Canberra. What is the motto on the Canberra Coat of Arms?

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CONSTITUTION OF AUSTRALIA

Learn more about the Constitution of Australia by searching Constitution of Australia in the search box.

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Scroll down or click on ARTICLE CONTENT to find section Chapter VII. Miscellaneous

Read Section 125 to answer the following question.

11. What role do you think the Constitution of Australia played in selecting the location of Canberra?
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ANSWER KEY:

Q1. a) In 1820, British explorers became the first white people to reach the area.

Q2. b) In 1901, when the Commonwealth of Australia was established, Canberra was still a small rural community.

Q3. c) Walter Burley Griffin’s plans won an international competition sponsored by the Australian government.

Q4. a) Construction of the capital began in 1913

Q5. b) In 1927, the Australian Parliament met in Canberra for the first time.

Q6. a) Charles R. Scrivener, a New South Wales district surveyor, recommended the city’s present site.

Q7. c) In 1988, a new Parliament House was built.

Q8. a) The Molonglo River flows through Canberra.

Q9. b) A dam on the Molonglo River forms Lake Burley Griffin in the central part of the city.

Q10. Its motto is "Pro Rege, Lege et Grege", which means "For the Queen, the Law and the People"

Q11. The constitution was a guide to the selection of the site for the national capital stating the location “shall be in the State of New South Wales, and be distant not less than one hundred miles from Sydney".