

**Canberra STUDENT Worksheet**

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 World Book Online.

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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

Click on the **RELATED INFORMATION** tab. Under **Related Articles** click on **Australian Capital Territory (ACT)**. 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 to find section **Changes to Constitution**

Read to answer the following question.

11. Who approves proposed changes to the constitution?

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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. For a proposed change to go into effect, it must be approved by a majority of voters in a majority of states, as well as by a majority of voters across the nation.