

Student Worksheet on Australian Literature and Authors

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Find the answers to the questions below by using the “Search” tool to search key words. Since this activity is about Australian Literature, you can start by searching the key word “Australian Literature.”

Part 1: Introduction to Australian Literature

1. **What is Australian literature?**

Describe the key characteristics and themes often found in Australian literature.

2. **Historical Context:**

Briefly outline the historical development of Australian literature, from Indigenous storytelling traditions to contemporary works.

Part 2: Notable Australian Authors

1. **Choose an Australian Author:**

- **Biography:**

Write a brief biography, including birth, significant life events, and career highlights.

- **Major Works:**

List and provide a brief summary of a major works.

- **Themes and Style:**

Describe the themes and literary style commonly found in their works.

Part 2: Indigenous Australian Literature

1. **Significance:**

Explain the significance of Indigenous literature in Australian culture and history.

2. **Key Authors and Works:**

- **Oodgeroo Noonuccal:**

- **Biography and Works:**

Write a brief biography and list works of Oodgeroo Noonuccal.

- **Themes and Contributions:**

Describe common themes in Indigenous Australian literature and the contributions they have made to the literary world.

Part 3: Contemporary Australian Literature

1. **Current Trends:**

Discuss current trends in Australian literature, including popular genres, emerging authors, and new themes.

Part 4: Activities

1. **Creative Writing:**

- Write a short story or poem inspired by the themes and styles of an Australian author you have studied.

2. **Discussion Questions:**

- How does the Australian landscape influence its literature?
- In what ways do Australian authors address social and cultural issues through their writing?