

Activities

1. Search for information on Boer War memorials in your city or town. What was the purpose of this war? Who were the Boers and why were the British fighting them?
2. Map Exercise.
 - a. Locate South Africa.
 - b. Where is Mafeking? The town is renamed to Mahikeng. Look at images of the town – describe the climate and houses.
 - c. Find Pretoria.
 - d. Read about Kimberley, Northern Cape province. What was the precious gem field discovered near to Kimberley? Was this important to the British?
3. Review the following drawing of the statue in Brisbane City– ANZAC Square Adelaide Street end – and explain what equipment the Australian Bushmen was carrying.



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- Using Google Maps™ or another maps application, study the country of the Transvaal and places around Mahikeng – using the Street View. Do you think the landforms compare to Australia? Where in Australia would you find a climate like the one you see in the Google Street View™?
- What weapons were used in the Boer War? What would Aboriginal soldiers do to protect themselves from rifle fire?
- Map research. Find the areas called the Transvaal and Natal on maps. What are the major cities in these provinces?
- South Africa is a major country in Africa. Go to Wikipedia and find out the area of land, the population, languages spoken and the major cities. What are the major industries in South Africa today?
- The Australian army hat badge! This was designed and used to represent Australia as a nation and was first used in the Boer War. Can you compare the hat badge used today and the Boer War rising sun badge?



- Did Aboriginal people have the same rights as other Australians in 1900? Find out what life was like to be an Aboriginal person in Australia in 1900. Were you allowed to own land? Did you have the same rights as other people to law and education?
- Where was the Boer War fought? Find the places mentioned on the line map in a Google Maps™ or one of the other online maps.
- Australia was a series of colonies when the Boer War started. So, the troops were colonial troops and represented who?
- Aboriginal trackers and soldiers went to the Boer War. What was the major purpose of using Aboriginal soldiers?

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13. The Boer War was fought by which sides? What was the result of this war?
14. Find the following on the statue of the mounted soldier from the Boer War:
 - a. Water
 - b. Swag
 - c. Ammunition
 - d. rifle
15. What is a slouched hat? Why was it worn? When can they wear the hat turned down? You need to research this question.