Australian Landmarks

Australia is home to some of the most beautiful scenery and landmarks in the world. The Sydney Opera House is one of the most famous performance venues in the world. It is recognised as an outstanding piece of architecture and creativity and is, therefore, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

The Sydney Opera House was designed by Danish architect, Jorn Utzon, who won an architecture competition which was launched in 1955. It plays host to many musical, ballet, theatre and opera productions amongst others.

Building of the Opera House began in 1958 and was officially completed in 1973. The cost was $102 million, more than ten times over budget and ten years later than the original completion date.

Prior to the completion and after years of mounting tension, Jorn Utzon resigned from the project. In 1999 he was appointed to the Sydney Opera House Trust and has been working on projects since that time. In 2004, the Utzon Room was completed to honour his work.

1. What takes place in the Sydney Opera House?

2. How many years did it take to construct the Sydney Opera House?

3. Who designed the Sydney Opera House?

4. What room in the Sydney Opera House honours Jorn Utzon?

5. What does UNESCO stand for?

Add commas to each of the following sentences.

Name one Australian landmark in your State or Territory.

Write 3 facts about this landmark.

Rewrite the following words clearly showing each of the syllables.

1. opportunity
2. watermelon
3. circumference
4. didgeridoo
5. multiplication
6. helicopter
7. refrigerator
8. calculator
9. hippopotamus

Research 1 landmark and prepare a one page poster highlighting it.