**Australia as shown at the Sydney Olympics**

Listen to the following videoclips on youtube and try to answer the questions!

**From the opening ceremony**

* The Man from Snowy River

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsLLzL27hYA> watch the first 4 minutes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if9p1TnDvRY>

Read the poem „Man from Snowy River” by Banjo Paterson.

<http://www.middlemiss.org/lit/authors/patersonab/poetry/snowy.html>

Why do you think director Peter Fairman chose to open the Olympics this way?

* National Anthem

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2maf5d>

Look up the lyrics of the Anthem.

Find out about its story!

**From the closing ceremony**

Because of copyright reasons, you can’t view Christine Anu’s performance at the closing ceremony.

Here are two links to Anu’s 2009 recording of the song, and to the original creators, the Warumpi Band.

* Christine Anu: My Island Home

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSFGK9HlEto>

* Warumpi Band: My Island Home

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZEodxUx2ME>

What can you find out about this song and the performers?

Find and study the lyrics of the song. Why do you think it was chosen to be performed at the closing ceremony?

Men at Work’s song Down Under was also sung at the Closing Ceremony, but can’t be seen for copyright reasons. Here’s their official music video.

* Men at Work: Land Down Under

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfR9iY5y94s>

Look up the lyrics for this song. What is it about?

* Midnight Oil: Beds Are Burning

[http://peoplesgeography.com/2008/02/sorry\_midnight\_oil.jpg](%20http://peoplesgeography.com/2008/02/sorry_midnight_oil.jpg) (this is a photo taken at the Olympics performance)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejorQVy3m8E&ob=av3n>

Look up the lyrics of this song. Why did the band perform the song in the Sorry suit?

Look up Peter Garett's career on the internet. What does he do now?

* Yothu Yindi: Treaty

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7cbkxn4G8U&feature=related)](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7cbkxn4G8U&feature=related)

What do you think the title of the song refers to?

* Kylie Minogue: On a Night Like This

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yq1HoP8oo4g>

Some explanation in this article: <https://punkee.com.au/sydney-2000-olympics-reflecting/74111>

What do you think the gigantic thong and the stiletto represent?

* Slim Dusty performing Waltzing Matilda

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/xfpqer>

Look up the lyrics of the song. What is it about? Why do you think it is important for Australians?

What do you know about Slim Dusty? Who else is shown in the clip?

* What opinion did you form about Australia and Australians after watching these clips?

See article by Sydney Morning Herald

<https://www.smh.com.au/sport/from-the-archives-all-that-really-matters-is-it-was-great-mate-20200812-p55l07.html>

* What image do you think Australians would like to project about themselves?

For a summary of the events at the opening and closing ceremony see

<https://olympicceremonies.wordpress.com/2000-sydney-opening-ceremony-music-list/>

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