Australia and Oceania

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Oceania also includes New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. Find out more about the entire Oceania region [here](#).
Who are the people of Australia?
Who were the first Europeans to settle Australia?

**Convicts!**

Why were convicts sent to Australia? Read more [here](#).

Read on about the daily life of convicts in Australia [here](#).
During the 1960s, the Civil Rights Movement in the United States inspired indigenous and white Australian students to embark on their own Freedom Ride to bring attention to racial tensions in Australia.

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The Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia is known for its tremendous biodiversity. Some species are threatened, however. Australia is working to protect them.