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Deep Time History of Australia

Student Research Guide

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were also recovered. The fossils were *Glossopteris*, and they contributed evidence toward a theory that would soon be considered a crank idea—that continents, in fact, were on the move.

Now we know, through fossils of plants and animals, that millions of years ago Australia and southern New Guinea, Antarctica, India, Africa, and South America were all assembled into one vast southern continent named for the place in India where the swamp plants grew—Gondwana.

In time, the landmass began to fragment and the pieces, carried on separate plates, began to move, like images painted on an expanding balloon (maps, left).

During its walkabout, Australia was carrying a cargo of plants and animals that had long lived in the superland of Gondwana but would meet a new fate. Most important of these were the marsupials, mammals that deliver their young prematurely and nurture them outside, in a pouch, instead of inside, in a womb.

Past Land Bridges

- Pleistocene landmass 50,000 years ago
- Present-day landmass

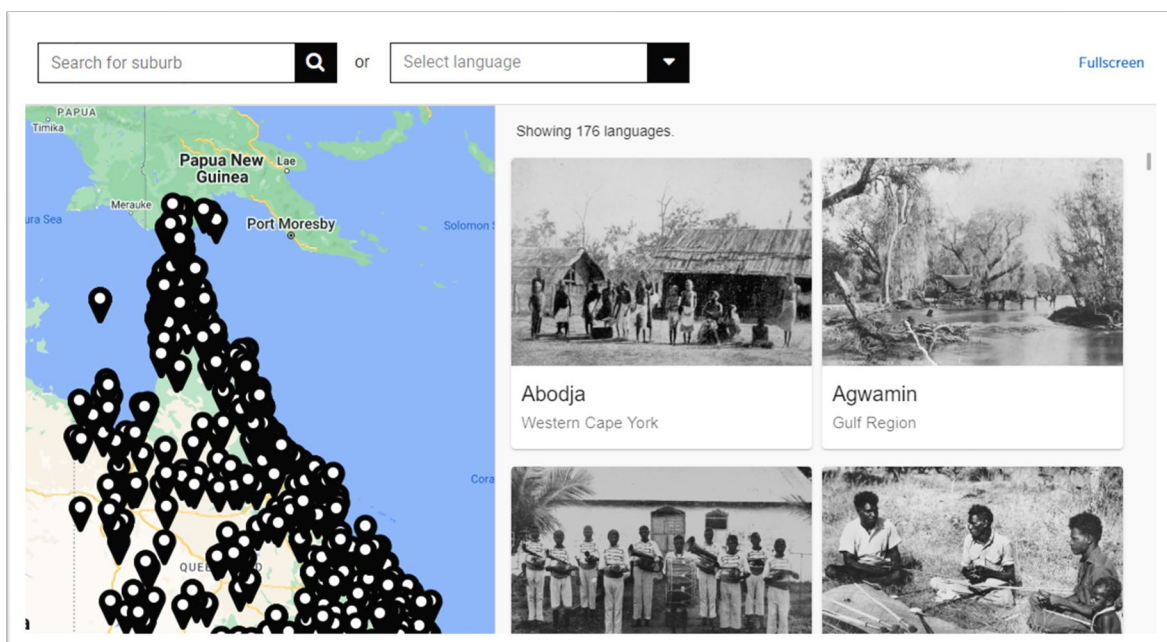
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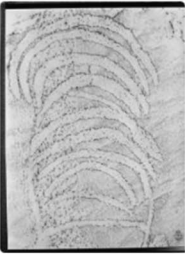
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