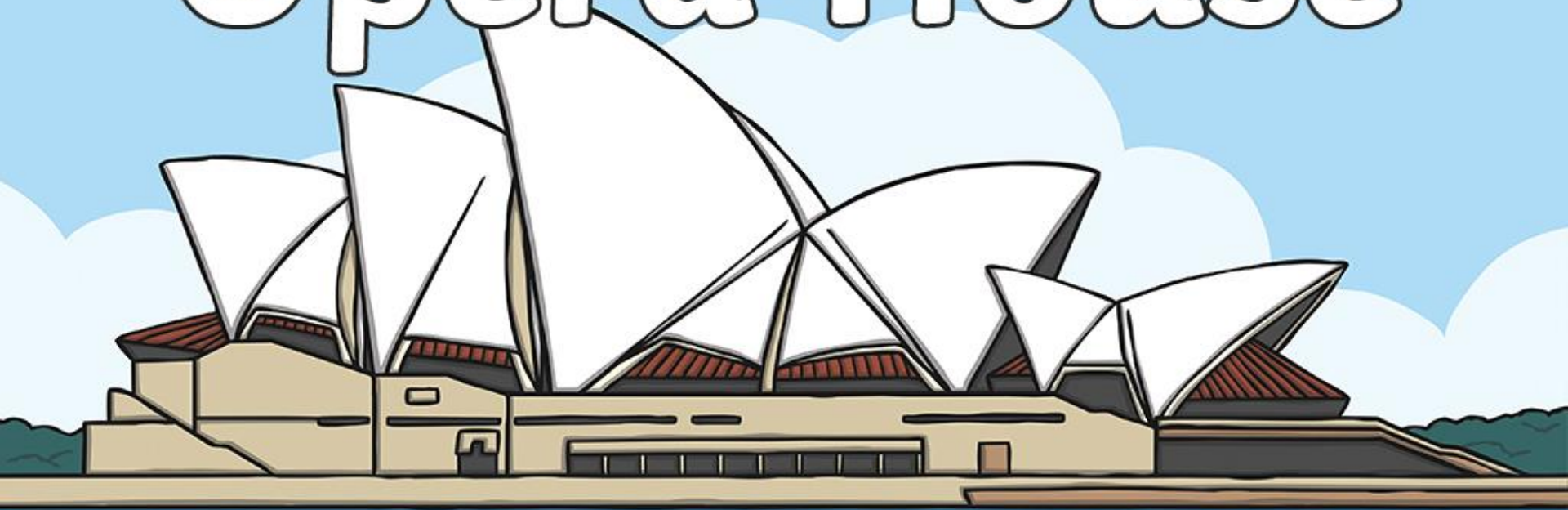


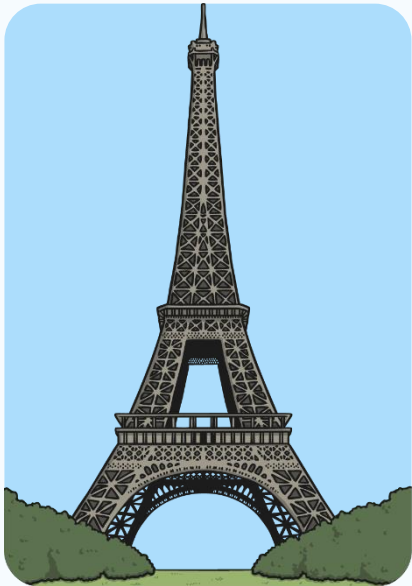
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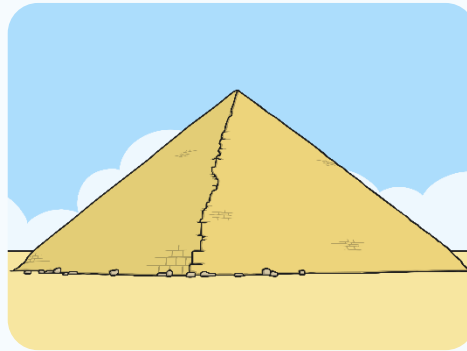
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What Is a Landmark?

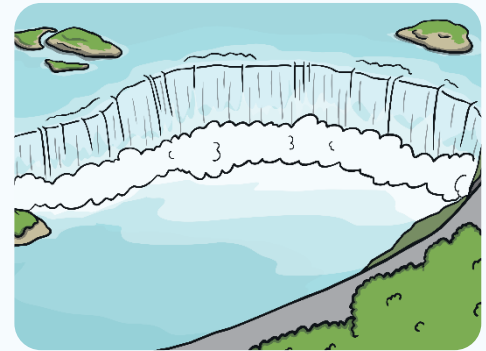
A landmark is an interesting or important place. It is usually easy to see and recognise. It can be natural, or man-made. Here are some worldwide landmarks.



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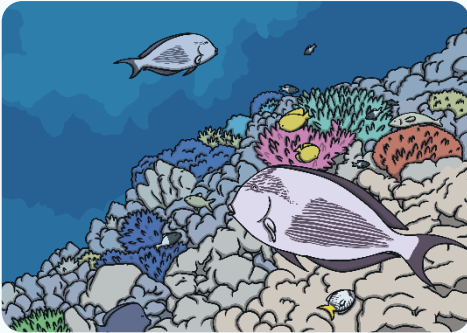
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Australian Landmarks

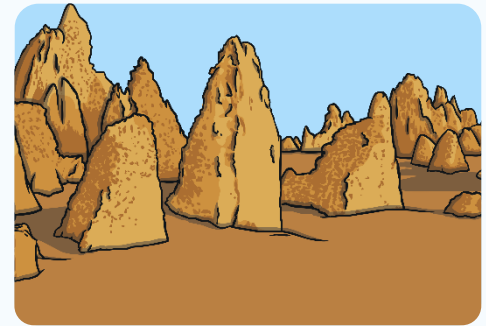
Australia is a country with many natural and man-made landmarks.



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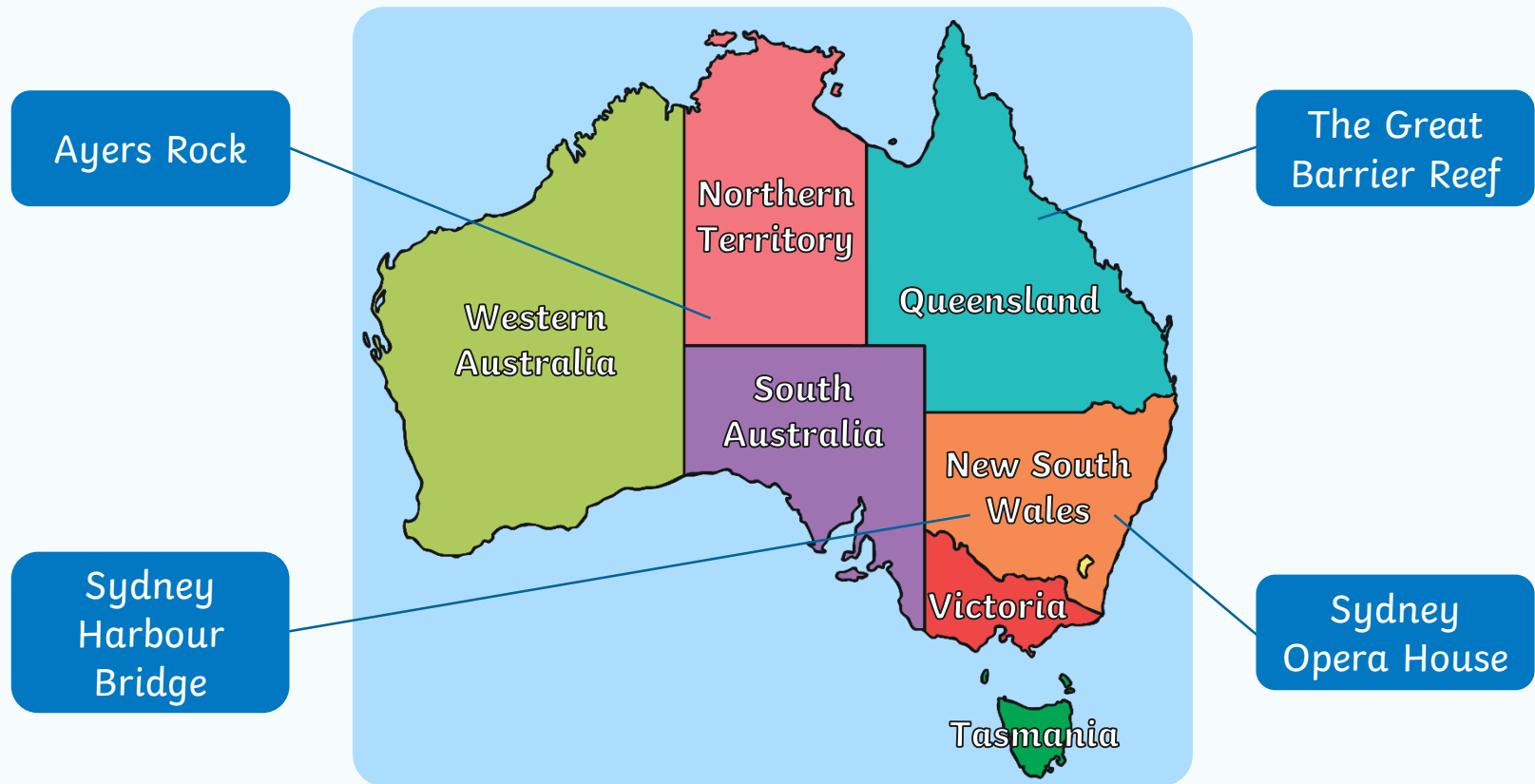
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Famous Landmarks in Australia

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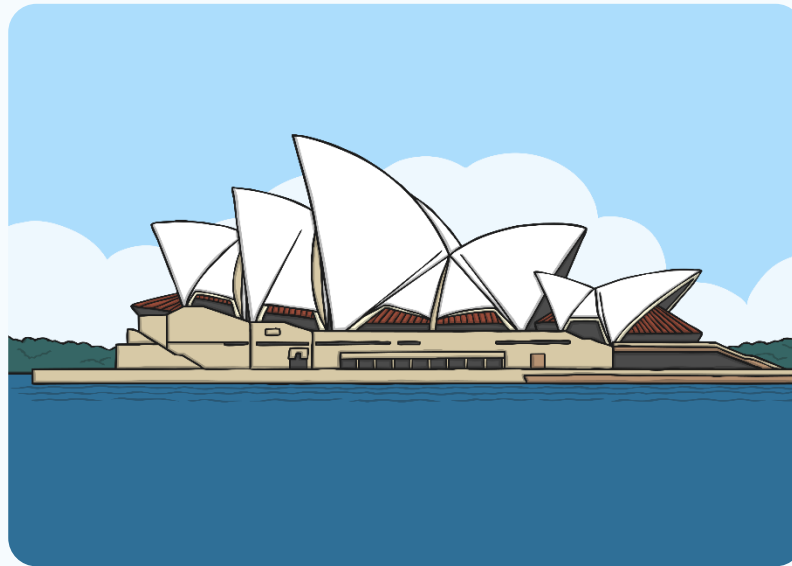


The Sydney Opera House

The Sydney Opera House is located in the Sydney Harbour, in New South Wales.

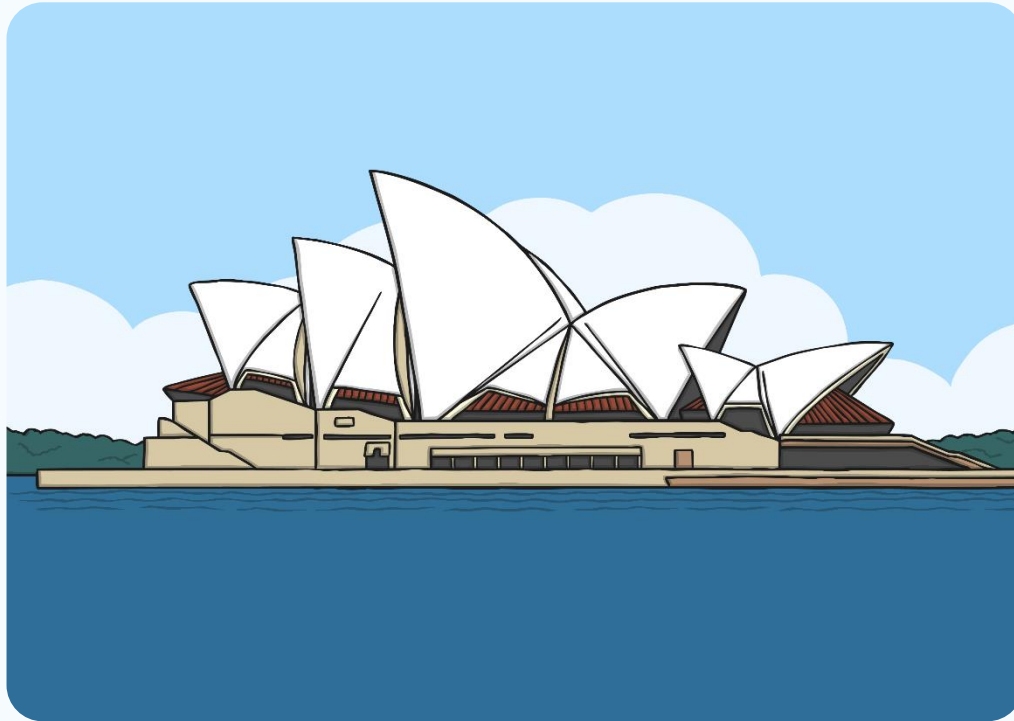
It is one of the most famous buildings in the world.

Parts of the building look like the sails of a boat.



History of the Sydney Opera House

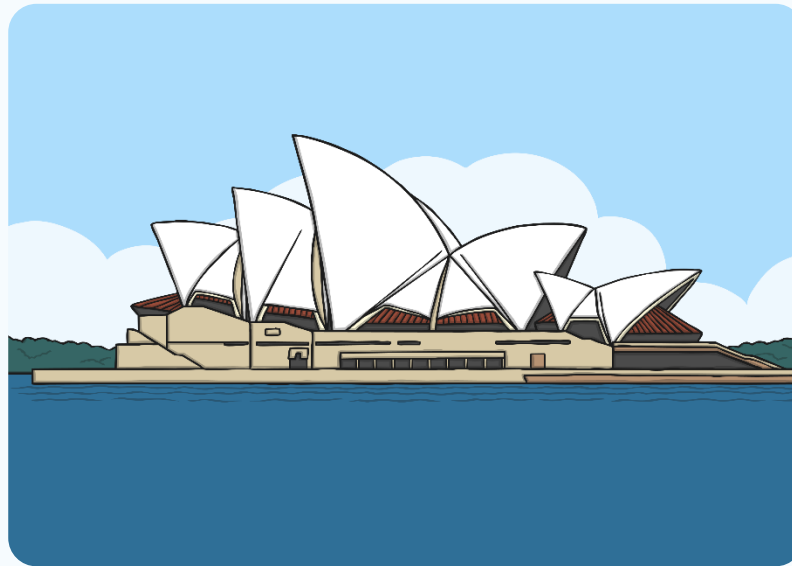
In 1956, there was a design competition held by the New South Wales government. Any designer in the world was allowed to enter. The winning designer was a man named Jorn Utzon who was a young Danish architect.



Building the Sydney Opera House

Construction of the Sydney Opera House began in March 1959 and was completed in 1973. It took 14 years to build!

There were a few problems while building the landmark. Many weather issues and a change in government, who made many design changes, were just a few.



Lighting up the Sydney Opera House

Most of the Sydney Opera House is white in colour. This makes it easy to light up with different designs. It is regularly decorated in various lighting designs to commemorate special events.



Purpose of the Sydney Opera House

Due to its central location in Sydney and its beautiful backdrop of the Sydney Harbour, the Sydney Opera House is the location of many events throughout the year.

It holds concerts, important meetings and celebrations. Some people have parties and get married there.

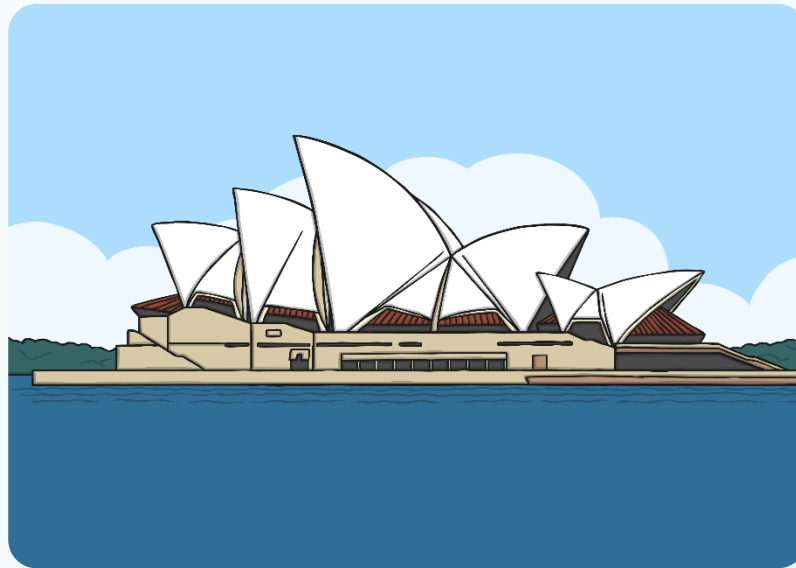
The most popular event is the New Year's Eve fireworks. Many thousands of people attend these each year.

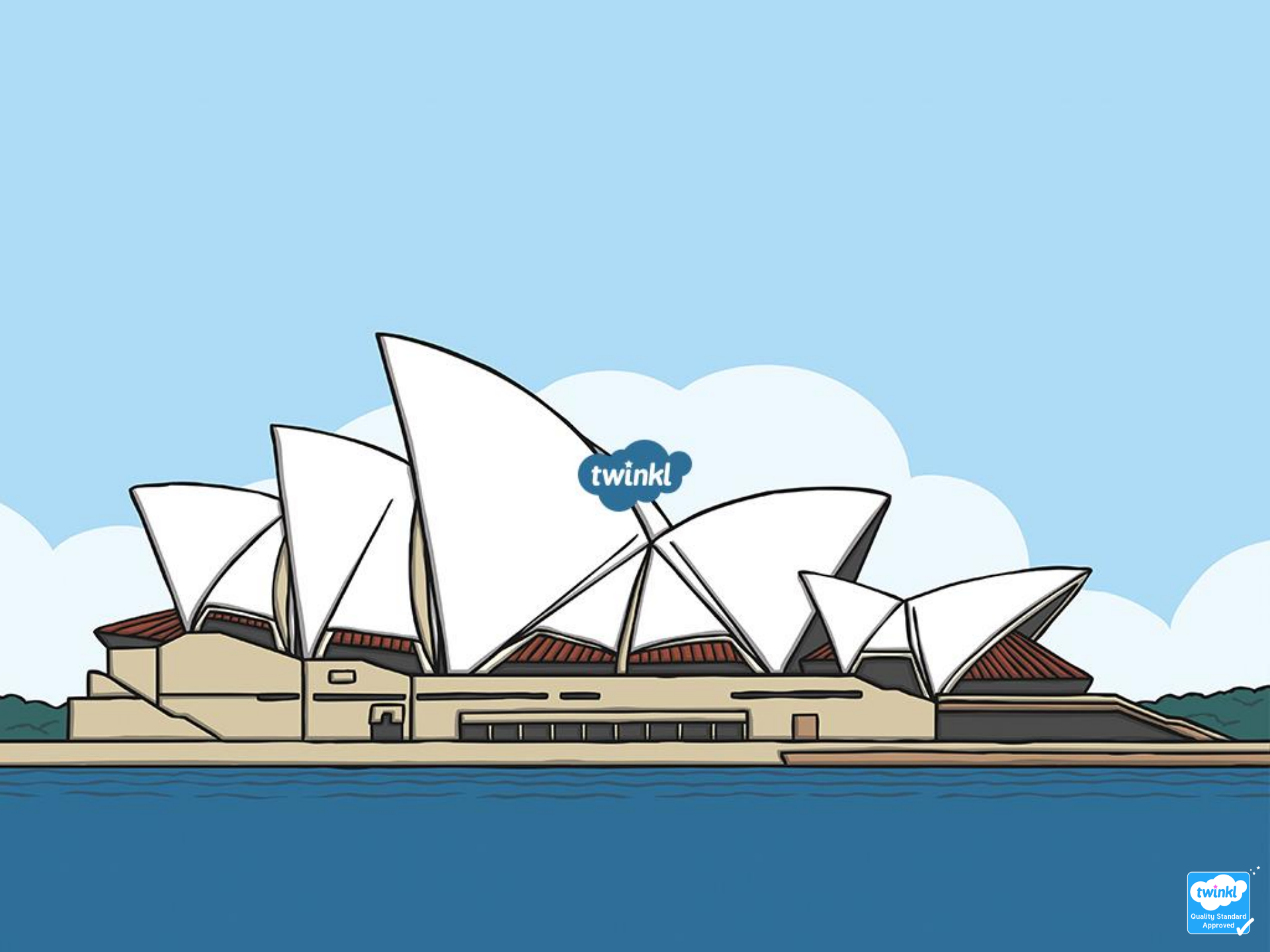


The Sydney Opera House

The Sydney Opera House is one of the world's most recognisable buildings due to its distinct and original design. It is also set amongst a picturesque backdrop of the Sydney Harbour. These factors make it one of the most popular Australian landmarks for both locals and tourists.

It will continue to be an Australian icon for many years to come.





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