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Macquarie Island

What?	an island
Where?	halfway between Australia and Antarctica
Why?	tells us the story of how the Earth evolved

Macquarie Island is made of rocks that come from the bottom of the sea and deep inside the Earth.

It is the only island in the world made entirely of these rocks. By studying the rocks, scientists are able to tell how the island was formed.



Every year, millions of seabirds go to Macquarie Island to **breed**. They include four types of penguins: king penguins, gentoo penguins, royal penguins and rockhopper penguins.

Mary MacKillop—Woods MacKillop Schoolhouse

Seabirds and **mammals** breed on Macquarie Island because it is a safe place. Elephant seals are one of the mammal **species** that go there. These huge animals are shaped like a torpedo and are expert swimmers and divers.

Elephant seals can hold their breath under water for up to two hours.



Elephant seals are one of the mammal species on Macquarie Island.

What?	a Catholic school
Where?	Penola, SA
Why?	tells us the story of Catholic education in Australia

Mary MacKillop started many schools for poor children. The Woods MacKillop Schoolhouse was built for her first school, St Joseph's, in 1867.

In the 1860s, Mary lived in the country town of Penola, in South Australia. Many families in Penola were so poor they could not send their children to school. Mary wanted to help these children learn.

In 1866, with the help of a priest called Father Julian Woods, Mary set up a school. It was called St Joseph's School.

In 2010, the Catholic Church recognised Mary as a **saint**. She is the first ever saint from Australia.



This schoolhouse was built for St Joseph's School in 1867. It is now called the Woods MacKillop Schoolhouse and is a museum.



Mary MacKillop spent her whole life setting up schools and helping poor people.

Mawson's Huts

What?	explorers' huts
Where?	Australian Antarctic Territory
Why?	tells us the story of Antarctic exploration and explorers

Mawson's Huts were built in 1912 to shelter explorers in Antarctica.

Douglas Mawson was an explorer who led an **expedition** to Antarctica in 1912. He and the 18 other men in the expedition built huts to live and work in while they were there.

All the men in the expedition were scientists. They wanted to study Antarctica and learn more about it.



Here, men from the expedition are building the Main Hut, which they lived in.