



Places are Similar and Different – Are we there yet?

When exploring Places that are Similar and Different, we sometimes forget to investigate the similarities and differences of the areas very close to where we live. Western Sydney is a place which has many different features and characteristics which influence the way people live, manage and enjoy their environment.

Inquiry Questions:

- How and why are places similar and different?
- How do people's perceptions about places influence their views about the protection of places?

Activities:

Pre-Visit: Read "Are we there yet?" By Alison Lester and complete provided workbooklet.

On the Bus: Play a guided Spotto activity to draw out the differences between your suburb and the semi-rural area around Brewongle Environmental Education Centre.

Activity 1: Bush resource walk. This examines Indigenous perceptions of place and why Country should be protected through investigating the local bush resources.

Activity 2: Examining the micro-climate. Compare the micro-climate of different places at Brewongle using fieldwork tools.

Activity 3: Use geographical tools such as maps, compasses and line sketches to note different landscape features.

Post-Visit: Use "Are we there yet?" by Alison Lester as a basis to draw out the features and characteristics of the fieldtrip.

Syllabus Links: Stage 2 Places are Similar and Different (GE2-1,2,3,4)

Contact Brewongle EEC for pricing and available dates.

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