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Homeschool 6th Grade Winner

Australia, the Land of My Dreams

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Ahhhh....Australia, the land of my dreams! Why would *I* want to go to Australia? Well, there are many reasons why I would want to go there such as the culture and its beauty, the language and the Australian accent, the crystal clear oceans and its exotic animals. However, there are two main reasons for my inspiration; one is the Great Barrier Reef just off Australia's Northeast Coast and the other is Ayers Rock in Southwestern Northern Territory, Central Australia. Someday I'm going to visit these two historical places and no one is going to stop me.

The day when I get off the plane and set foot onto Australia, I am going to head straight to the first historical attraction that interests me and is even on the UNESCO'S World Heritage list and is included as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World...the Great Barrier Reef! It has been there for thousands of years! There are so many exotic animals living on the reef that this place is home to hundreds of fish, turtles, sharks, manta rays, and even humpback whales. I can imagine myself jumping into that crystal clear water and snorkeling just to find a magnificent sea turtle glide past like an eagle soaring through the sky. I can also imagine myself

swimming through the transparent water and hearing the whales echo sounds to each other. I can especially see the remarkable beauty and bright colors of the coral reef which makes this wonderland so gorgeous that I feel as if I might never want to leave. Oh I just can't wait to swim there!

The second historical attraction that I will go to, also on the UNESCO'S World Heritage list, is called Uluru also known as Ayers Rock. This monolith, which is a massive rock made of sandstone, is one of the largest in the world! When I arrive in the Southwestern Northern territory of Central Australia, I will go skydiving so I can see Uluru from a bird's eye view. I can imagine floating in the air above the rock, wind blowing in my hair, and breathing in the splendor of the scenery. I see the sun shimmer on the rock like a lake glistening in the sunlight and watching the colors on the rock change from tanned red during the day to near black after the sunset. As I come down from skydiving, I look up and see the moon shining it's glowing light on the grass. I feel the grandeur of God's creation so deep it touches my heart. How I wish I could be there now!

Oh Australia, the land of my dreams I know, whatever I do, I *will* get there! It is my dream to visit these two magical places full of wonder, majesty, and historical value. The Great Barrier Reef with its crystal clear water and aquatic life, and Uluru with its tanned red rock and it's feeling of brilliance will change my life forever. **Watch out Australia, here I come!**

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