This textbook has been written to address the content, skills and themes of the year 9 geography and history courses from the Australian Curriculum. Students have the opportunity to use a variety of internet and print resources when completing the different activities provided. A number of local Western Australian examples and case studies have been included to provide information that is relevant to students across the state. A range of Australian and international examples are also included to provide students with information from a variety of locations and cultures.

While presented as one book the geography and history sections are separate with each subject having its own content, glossary and index pages. The sections are separately numbered to assist with easy navigation and referencing.

Skills have been integrated into the content of each section with skillsets designed to provide students with guided instructions in learning and applying these to the content. Up to date statistical data are included in different activities and in the content of the textbook. This provides students with the opportunity to use graphing packages provided with spreadsheet software. A major research task is provided at the end of each geography and history topic. These allow students to demonstrate a range of research and investigative skills. The tasks have also been designed to allow students to present their work in a wide variety of ways.

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