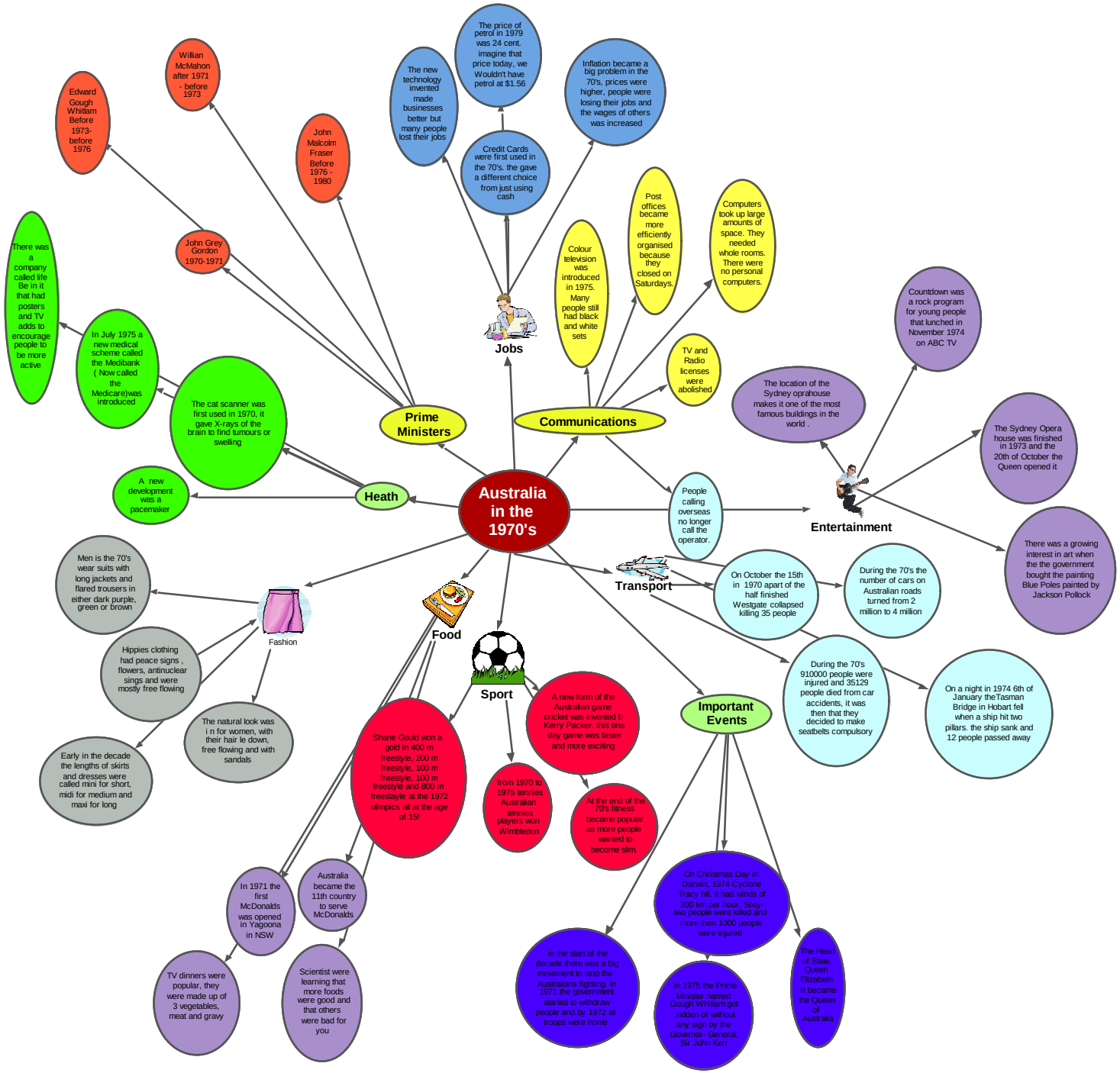
Australia in the 1970's
Prime Ministers
Edward Gough Whitlam Before 1973- before 1976
Willian McMahon after 1971 - before 1973
John Malcolm Fraser Before 1976 - 1980
John Grey Gordon 1970-1971
There was a company called life Be in it that had posters and TV adds to encourage people to be more active
In July 1975 a new medical scheme called the Medibank (Now called the Medicare)was introduced
The cat scanner was first used in 1970, it gave X-rays of the brain to find tumours or swelling
Heath
A new development was a pacemaker
Jobs
The new technology invented made businesses better but many people lost their jobs
The price of petrol in 1979 was 24 cent. imagine that price today, we Wouldn't have petrol at $1.56
Credit Cards were first used in the 70's. the gave a different choice from just using cash
Inflation became a big problem in the 70's. prices were higher, people were losing their jobs and the wages of others was increased
Communications
Colour television was introduced in 1975. Many people still had black and white sets
Post offices became more efficiently organised because they closed on Saturdays.
Computers took up large amounts of space. They needed whole rooms. There were no personal computers.
TV and Radio licenses were abolished
People calling overseas no longer call the operator.
Entertainment
The location of the Sydney oprahouse makes it one of the most famous buildings in the world .
Countdown was a rock program for young people that lunched in November 1974 on ABC TV
The Sydney Opera house was finished in 1973 and the 20th of October the Queen opened it
There was a growing interest in art when the the government bought the painting Blue Poles painted by Jackson Pollock
Transport
On October the 15th in 1970 apart of the half finished Westgate collapsed killing 35 people
During the 70's the number of cars on Australian roads turned from 2 million to 4 million
Important Events
During the 70's 910000 people were injured and 35129 people died from car accidents, it was then that they decided to make seatbelts compulsory
On a night in 1974 6th of January theTasman Bridge in Hobart fell when a ship hit two pillars. the ship sank and 12 people passed away
On Christmas Day in Darwin, 1974 Cyclone Tracy hit. it had winds of 200 km per hour. Sixty-two people were killed and more then 1000 people were injured
in the start of the decade there was a big movement to stop the Australians fighting. in 1971 the government started to withdraw people and by 1972 all troops were home
in 1975 the Prime Minister named Gough Whitlam got ridden of without any sign by the Governor- General, Sir John Kerr
The Head of State, Queen Elizabeth II became the Queen of Australia
Fashion
Men is the 70's wear suits with long jackets and flared trousers in either dark purple, green or brown
Hippies clothing had peace signs , flowers, antinuclear sings and were mostly free flowing
The natural look was i n for women, with their hair le down, free flowing and with sandals
Early in the decade the lengths of skirts and dresses were called mini for short, midi for medium and maxi for long
Food
In 1971 the first McDonalds was opened in Yagoona in NSW
Australia became the 11th country to serve McDonalds
TV dinners were popular, they were made up of 3 vegetables, meat and gravy
Scientist were learning that more foods were good and that others were bad for you
Sport
Shane Gould won a gold in 400 m freestyle, 200 m freestyle, 100 m freestyle, 100 m freestyle and 800 m freestayle at the 1972 olimpics all at the age of 15!
A new form of the Australian game cricket was invented b Kerry Packer. this one day game was faster and more exciting
from 1970 to 1975 tennies Australian tennies players won Wimbledon
At the end of the 70's fitness became popular as more people wanted to become slim.