

Australian Government

What If Discussion Cards

This set of cards has been designed to help you generate discussion and critical thinking within your class for each of the Australian Curriculum HASS topics.

Discussion that is topic focused and well facilitated is an excellent way to encourage students to broaden their views on topics, develop the skills to debate and justify their opinions and support these with evidence. Discussion encourages students to gain a deeper understanding of an issue or topic and highlights the importance of forming views and opinions that come from their own understanding and reasoning rather than following along. These skills are essential in today's world which is overrun with information and demands that we develop students to be discerning and able to think critically.

These cards can be used at all stages in the learning journey. Use them to check prior knowledge or to review the previous lesson. They could also be useful as essay prompts for assessment at the end of a unit.



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What If?

What if Australia only had one political party?

Brainstorm all the possibilities (good and bad) and write them all down. If you have any questions write them down too.

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What If?

What if only the Prime Minister made any laws he or she wanted to?

Brainstorm all the possibilities (good and bad) and write them all down. If you have any questions write them down too.

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What If?

What if we didn't have any laws?

Brainstorm all the possibilities (good and bad) and write them all down. If you have any questions write them down too.

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What If?

What if laws couldn't be changed once they'd been passed by Government?

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What If?

What if the British Government still made laws for Australia?

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What If?

What if the Federal Government made all the laws for each state?

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What If?

What if there were no local councils and all the decisions were made by the State or Federal Governments?

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What If?

What if there weren't any courts to hear and judge on legal matters?

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What If?

What if only one government ruled and put anyone who opposed them in jail?

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What If?

What if proposed laws weren't debated in parliament and were passed by internet vote?

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What If?

What if the High Court of Australia didn't exist and the Constitution could be interpreted however the Government wanted?

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What If?

What if there was no Constitution to outline how the Australian Government should work.

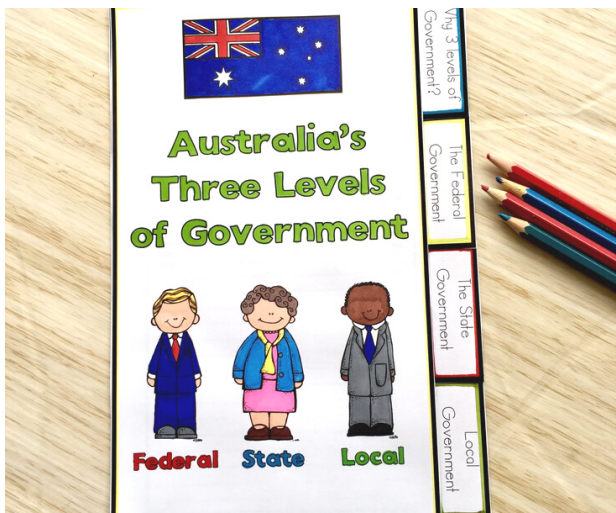
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Need Some Help?

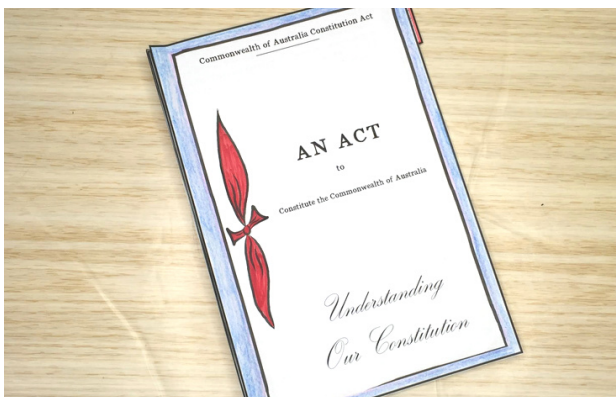
We know you're busy so we've put together the ultimate bundle of resources and lesson plans to help you engage your students understand Australia's system of Government and its democratic values. Click on the images below to find out more information about any of these resources.



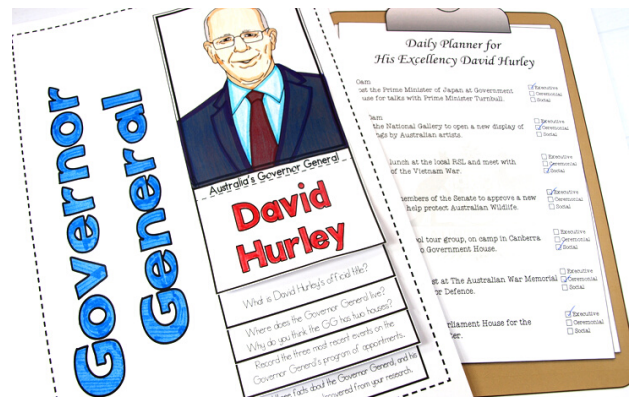
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[Australia's Constitution Flip Book](#)



[Australia's Governor General](#)

Meet The Author

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Is this you?



- I love teaching upper primary students. They can connect with topics with insight and maturity. I even love their sassy attitude.
- I'm always pressed for time. I'm flat out and never have time for myself and my family. I want something to take some pressure off!
- The Australian Curriculum has some really important topics for upper primary students but they can be so boring!
- I want resources that meet my planning requirements but are fun and engaging for my students. Is that so hard?

We hear you! That's why we've created resources, just like this one, for Australian upper primary teachers.

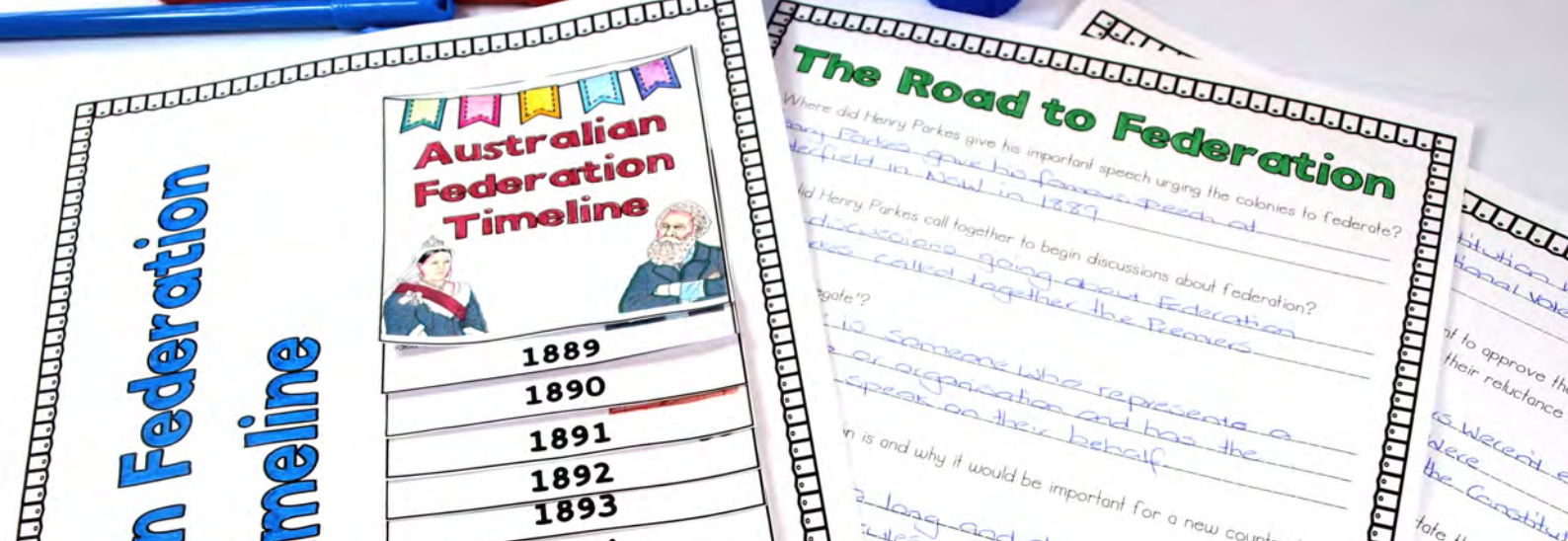
Our mission is pretty straight forward:

- ✓ We want teachers to have access to curriculum aligned resources that truly engage students.
- ✓ We want teachers to feel confident they've got their planning and lessons covered so they can stress less and enjoy teaching more.
- ✓ We want to liven up those dry and often complicated topics for both teachers and students.
- ✓ We want the big kids to have hands-on and interactive resources that are loaded with learning because the big kids should have fun learning too!

We hope this resource ticks all those boxes for you! If you'd like to keep up to date with our latest resources and updates click the links to follow us on your favourite social media platform.

Happy Teaching
Amy





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