

Colonial Australia

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 was never discovered by European explorers.

Brainstorm all the possibilities (Good and Bad) and write them all down.

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What if France claimed Australia first?

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What If?

What if the first settlers never ventured inland?

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What If?

What if Captain Cook hadn't sailed around the world?

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What If?

What if Matthew Flinders hadn't mapped the coast of Australia?

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What If?

What if French Explorers had claimed Australia before the British?

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What If?

What if the first fleet had settled in Hobart first?

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What If?

What if the first European settlers weren't convicts but came to Australia freely?

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What If?

What if gold was never discovered in Australia?

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What If?

What if only wealthy land owners could mine for gold?

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What If?

What if the gold diggers hadn't fought at the Eureka Stockade?

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What If?

What if the Chinese miners didn't migrate to Australia in colonial times?

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What If?

What if the first settlers decided Australia wasn't suitable for living and left?

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What If?

What if the British government had negotiated peacefully with the Aboriginal peoples to come to Australia?

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What If?

What if cultural groups such as the Irish and German migrants didn't come to Australia in colonial times?

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What If?

What if explorers didn't find land that was suitable for farming and further settlement?

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What If?

What if Caroline Chisholm hadn't helped women and families on their arrival in Australia?

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What If?

What if the NSW colonial government had been in charge of all the colonies across Australia?

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What If?

What if the Overland Telegraph hadn't been built and connected to Britain?

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What If?

What if the European settlers had asked the local Aboriginal peoples to help them with finding food and water?

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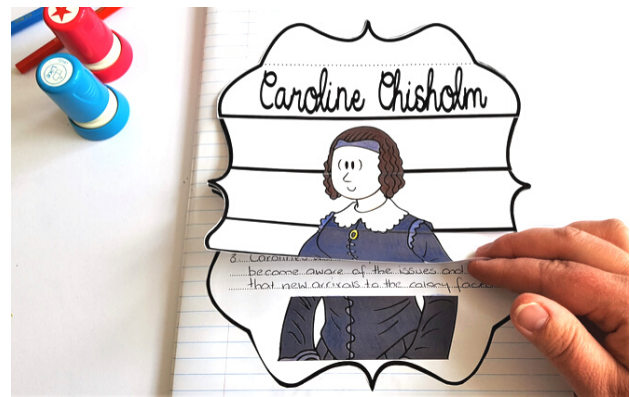
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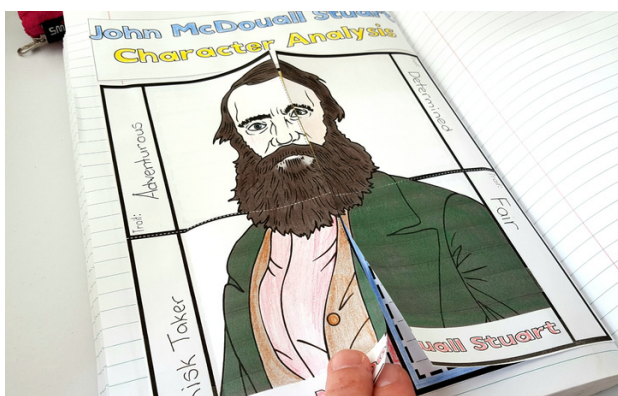
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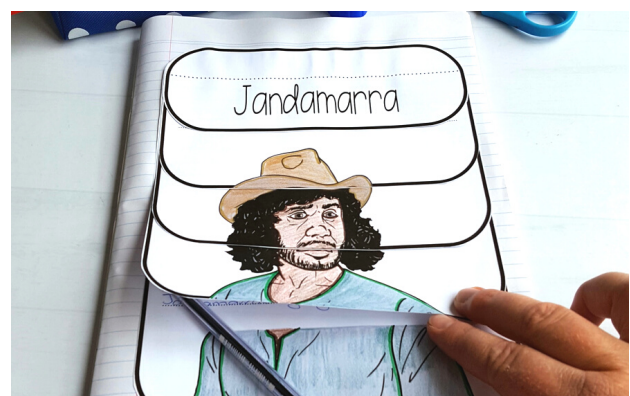
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Is this you?



- 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.

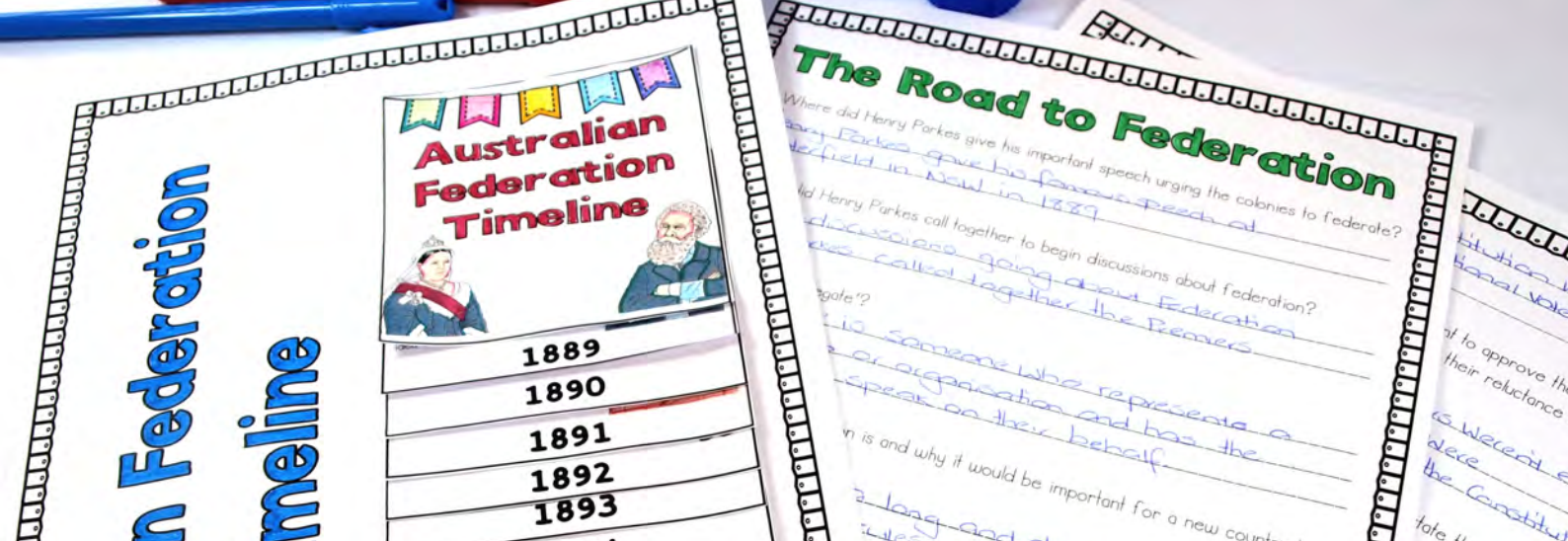
Our mission is pretty straight forward:

- ✓ 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.

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