Democracy

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.







Looking for more?

As an Aussie Star VIT you have exclusive access to our Freebie Library. There are more What If Discussion Card Sets in the library covering a variety of HASS topics. We'll be adding more all the time so remember to check back regularly or keep an eye on your inbox as each set will be emailed to subscribers.

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What If?

What if only Australians who own land were allowed to vote?

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 women weren't allowed to vote?

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What If?

What if men weren't allowed to vote?

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What If?

What if the states with more people had more power in Government?

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What If?

What if people weren't allowed to go to church or pray?

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What If?

What if you could be put in jail for speaking out against the Government?

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What If?

What if Australians weren't allowed to protest?

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What If?

What if the Government controlled what was shown in the media such as the TV, radio and newspapers?

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What If?

What if Aboriginal Australians weren't allowed to own land?

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What If?

What if the Prime Minister could pick the next leader without a vote?

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What If?

What if you had to be born in Australia to vote?

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What If?

What if you weren't allowed to go to school unless your family were wealthy?

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What If?

What if members of Government could only be men?

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What If?

What if the Government didn't have to follow the Constitution?

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What If?

What if Aboriginal Australians weren't allowed to vote?

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What if women weren't allowed to work?

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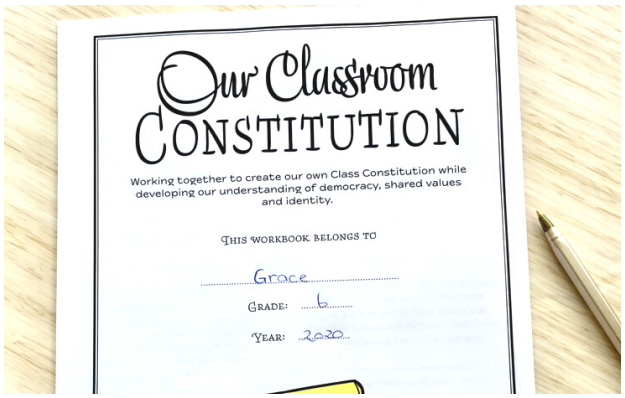
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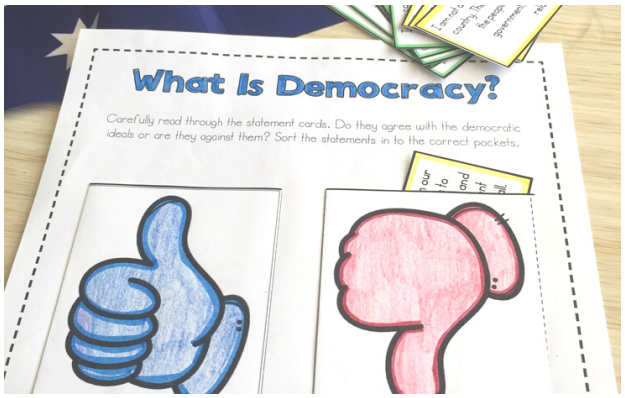
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Need Some Help?

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



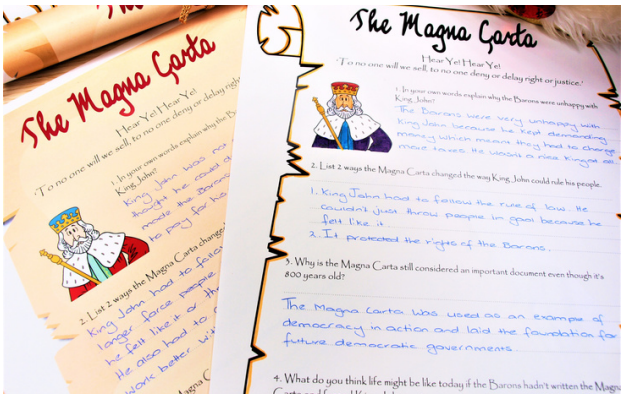
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Democracy Role Play]



[Understanding the Magna Carta]

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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.

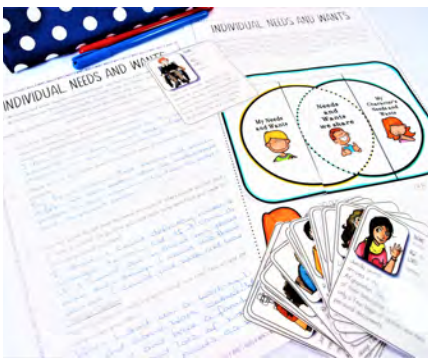
Our mission is pretty straight forward:

- ✓ 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!

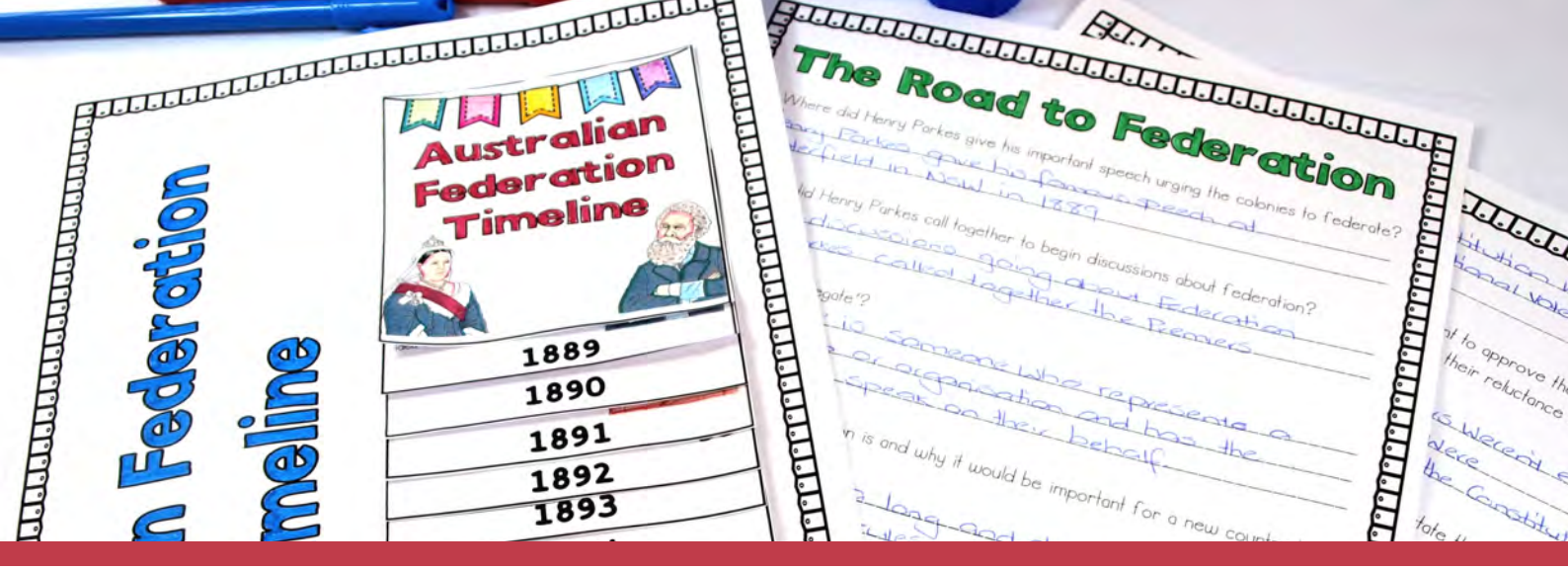
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