

Federation

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.

What If?

What would life be like if each Australian State was a separate country?

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

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What If?

What if there was no national Defence Force and each state had their own Army, Navy and Air Force?

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What If?

What if you needed to have a passport and be checked through customs to travel interstate?

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What If?

What if people living in Australia were considered British Citizens?

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What If?

What if our national sporting teams were considered British?

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What If?

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

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What If?

What if Sydney was the capital city of Australia?

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What If?

What if Melbourne was the Capital city of Australia?

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What If?

What if interstate train travelers had to stop at the border to buy another ticket, swap trains and be checked by customs?

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What If?

What if states were considered separate countries and one of them was invaded by an overseas country?

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What If?

What if two Australian states were at war?

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What If?

What if all the states federated except WA?

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

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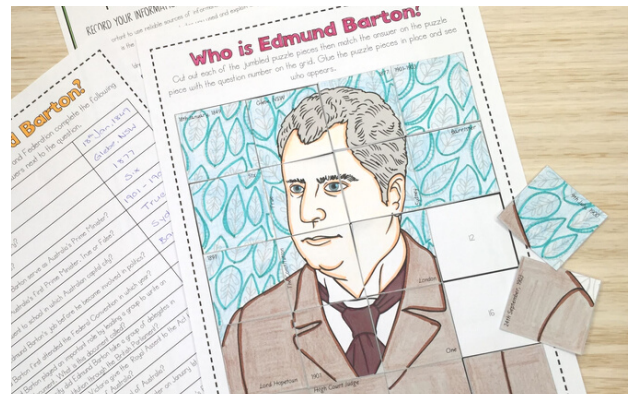
Need Some Help?

We know you're busy so we've created a range of resources and lesson activities to help you engage your students with Australia's Federation. They're ready to print and teach!

Click on the image below to find out more about any of these Federation resources.

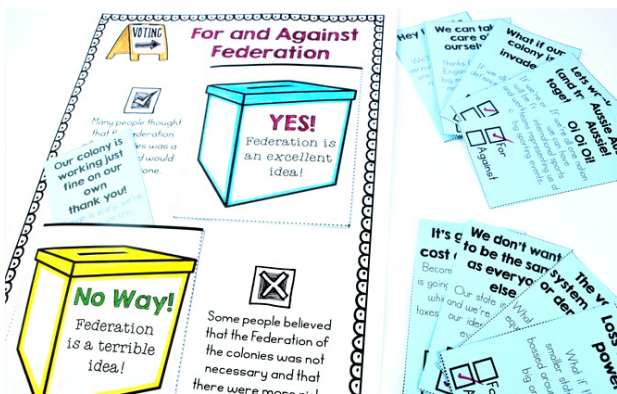


Famous Faces of Federation



Edmund Barton Biography

Puzzle



Reasons For and Against Federation



Australian Federation Timeline

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.

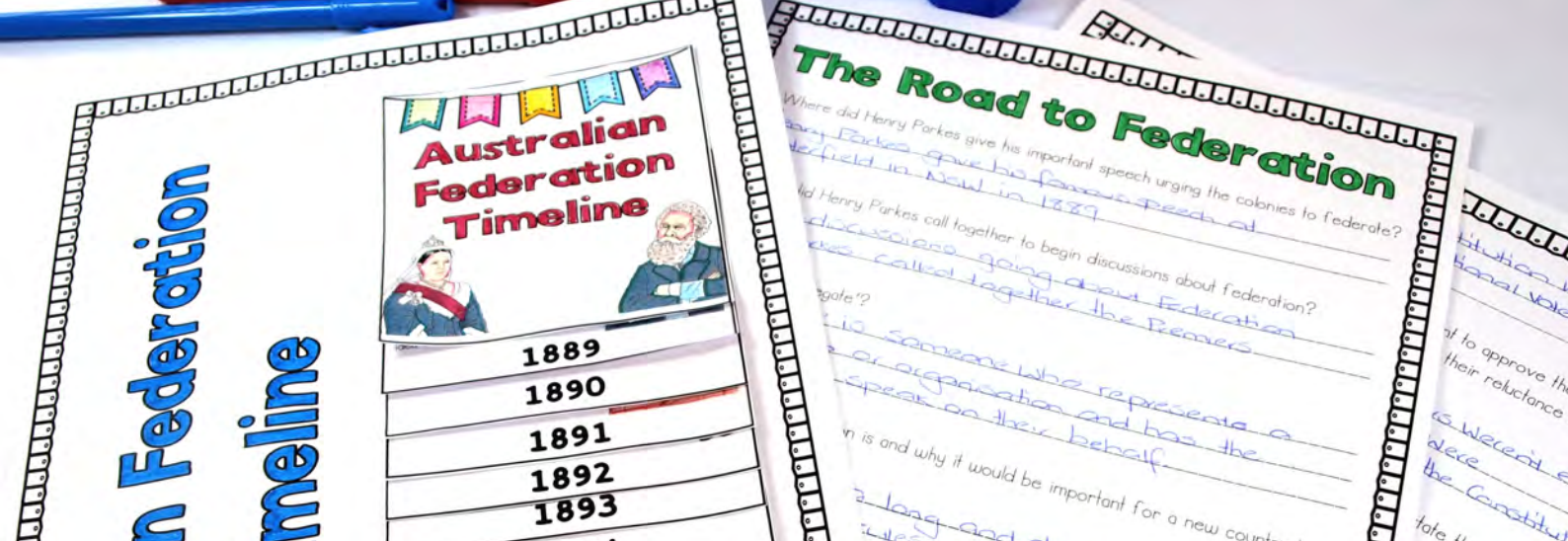
Our mission is pretty straight forward:

- ✓ 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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