

Voting & Elections

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 only the wealthy could 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 it wasn't compulsory for Australian adults to vote?

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What if you didn't get to vote because you're a woman?

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What if you could only vote if you own land?

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What if you could only vote if you were born in Australia?

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What if you could only be a member of parliament if you were a man?

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What if you had to be rich to be a member of parliament?

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

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What if the government could control the voting procedures and counting process?

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What If?

What if Australians didn't have the right to vote?

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What If?

What if you didn't have a say in who governs the country?

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What If?

What if you chose not to vote in elections even if you have the right?

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What if people voted for the best looking candidate?

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What if only celebrities could become politicians?

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What if the Queen chose the members of Parliament?

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What If?

What if you choose not to vote in elections?

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

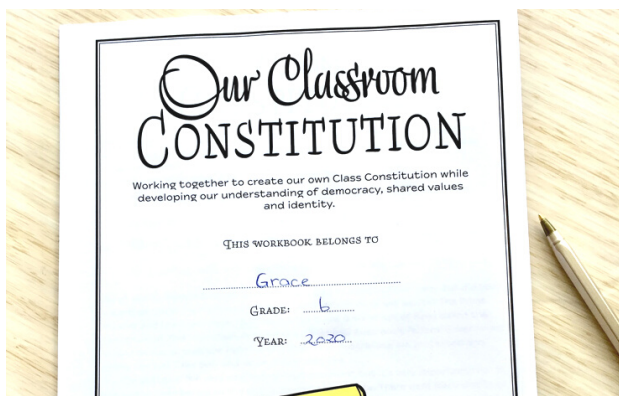
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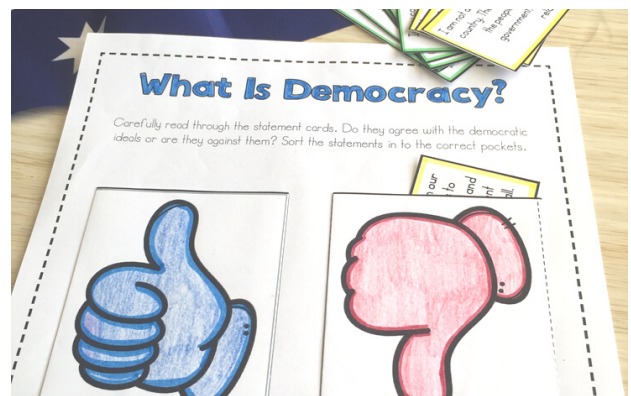
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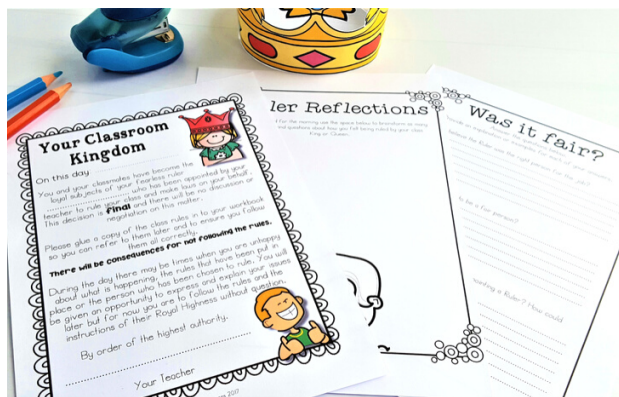
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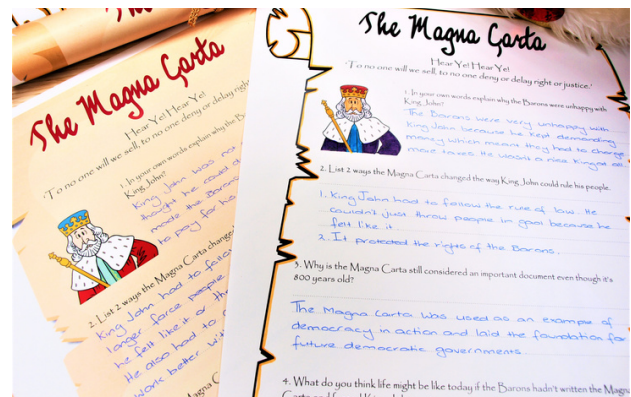
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Meet The Author

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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.

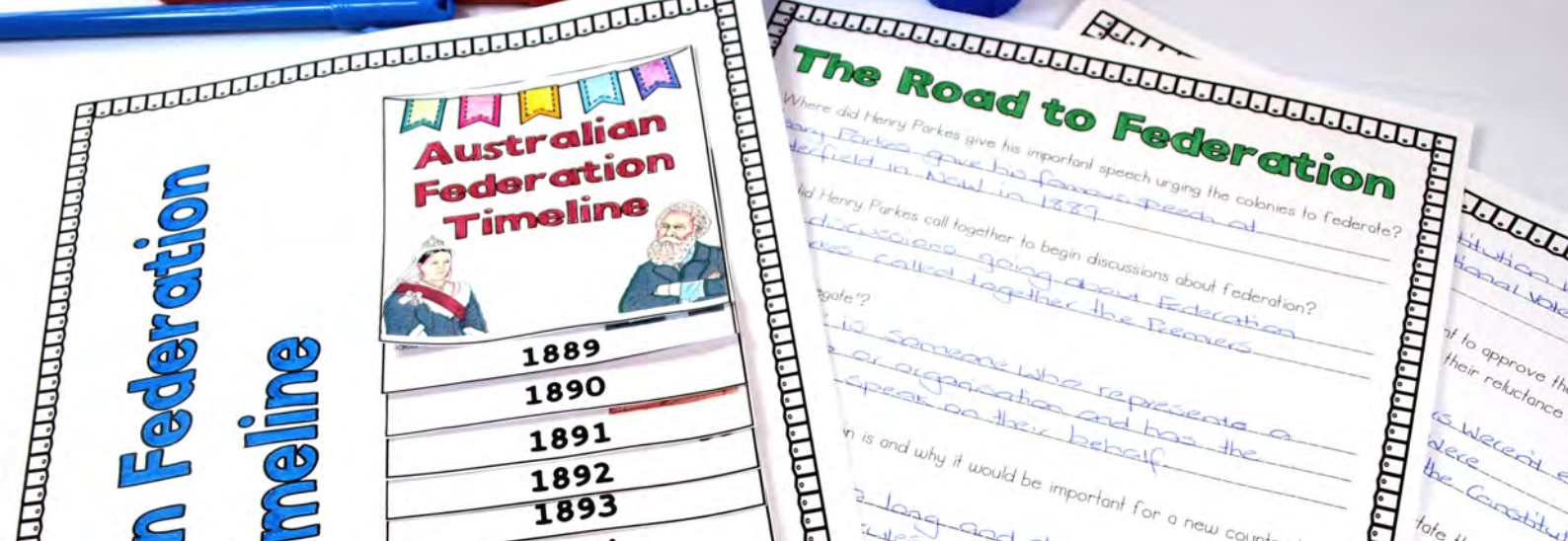
Our mission is pretty straight forward:

- ✓ 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!

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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Amy





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