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About this resource

The Department of Education’s Quality Teaching Discussion Paper outlines a model of syllabus planning and implementation that supports teachers on the basis of ‘central concepts or ideas’ to ensure deep knowledge in student learning. This is especially relevant for the learning across the curriculum content areas.

Whilst the learning across the curriculum content—cross curriculum priorities—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures are somewhat embedded in syllabus content through the process of tagging, teachers have requested guidance to identify:

a. a continuum of conceptual development in each of the cross-curriculum priorities

b. examples of what this looks like in each of the stages of learning.

The learning and teaching directorate has been working in partnership with the Aboriginal Studies Association to develop an HSIE Learning across the curriculum content—cross curriculum priorities continua (Early Stage 1–Stage 5) and accompanying learning and teaching snapshots teachers’ resource.

This resource supports the implementation of the NSW history K-10, the forthcoming implementation of the geography K-10 syllabus for the Australian Curriculum as well as the Building Transition Communities project as part of the Departments Rural and Remote Strategy.

This project aims to further develop an understanding of the learning across the curriculum content areas as it unpacks in greater detail the conceptual ideas of the three cross curriculum priorities identified in the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, to give examples of what these concepts will look like at each stage.
The following continuum for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures links the Australian Curriculum organising ideas for the cross curriculum priority of the learning across the curriculum content with the content of the NSW syllabuses for history and geography.

To accompany the continuum, ideas for learning have been developed for each stage. These are snapshots, which aim to provide teachers with specific examples of how to include the priority in history and geography. They are presented in a Word format so that teachers can amend and adapt them for their own teaching situation.

The continuum and accompanying ideas for learning have been collaboratively developed by the professional teaching association relevant to the priority area, and the learning and teaching directorate of the Department of Education. We encourage teachers to add to the collection of learning ideas, or to evaluate those that are presented. Please contact teamhsie@det.nsw.edu.au.

Organising ideas/conceptual framework

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures priority uses a conceptual framework to provide a context for learning. The framework comprises the underlying elements of identity and living communities and the key concepts of country/place, culture and people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identities are represented as central to the priority and are approached through knowledge and understanding of the interconnected elements of country/place, culture and people.

All activities on the geography continuum relate to the key concepts of country/place and people. All activities on the history continuum relate to the key concepts of country/place, culture and people.

**Note to teachers**—when bringing community into schools, discuss the general, but recognise and acknowledge the diversity of cultures.
Figure 1—conceptual framework for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures priority, Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures continuum—Geography K-10

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<td>People live in places</td>
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<td>Aboriginal and Torres</td>
<td>Identifies places and develops an understanding of the importance of places to</td>
<td>Discuss why the site, country or place is important to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples.</td>
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<td>View video clip and discuss diversity of Aboriginal language groups.</td>
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<td>Describes features of places and the connections people have with places.</td>
<td>and/or Legends of the Torres Strait.</td>
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<td>Identifies ways in which people interact with and care for places.</td>
<td>Discuss the natural features of places identified in the stories.</td>
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<td>Discuss how a place can be cared for e.g. a park, farm, beach, bushland.</td>
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<td><strong>Features of places</strong>&lt;br&gt;Weather and seasons</td>
<td>A student—&lt;br&gt;Describes features of places and the connections people have with places.</td>
<td>Examine how different cultural groups, including Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Peoples, describe weather, seasons or seasonal calendars.</td>
<td>Wet and Dry seasons: <a href="http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/1771788/indigenous-seasons-across-northern-australia">http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/1771788/indigenous-seasons-across-northern-australia</a> (please copy and paste this link into your browser).</td>
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<td><strong>Places are similar and different</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Australian continent</td>
<td>A student—&lt;br&gt;Examines features and characteristics of places and environments.</td>
<td>Identify Countries/Places of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples:&lt;br&gt;Explore interactive map of Aboriginal language groups.</td>
<td>Language map: <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/indigenous/map/">http://www.abc.net.au/indigenous/map/</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>The Earth’s environment</strong>&lt;br&gt;Perception of environments</td>
<td>A student—&lt;br&gt;Examines differing perceptions about the management of places and environments.</td>
<td>Play Torres Strait Islands fishing game.&lt;br&gt;Describe how custodial responsibility for Country/Place influence Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ views of the environment.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.nma.gov.au/interactives/tlf/sabai_island/">http://www.nma.gov.au/interactives/tlf/sabai_island/</a></td>
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<td>Examine how the practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples support the sustainable use of environments e.g. use of resources</td>
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<td>Landscapes and landforms</td>
<td>A student—Discusses management of places and environments for their sustainability.</td>
<td>Investigate ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples manage and protect landscapes. Investigate management at a variety of levels, including local and community, by studying a local national park.</td>
<td>Useful resources may be found in <a href="http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/hsie/assets/pdf/caring/caringplace.pdf">http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/hsie/assets/pdf/caring/caringplace.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/education-services/search?SelectedTypes=1&amp;SelectedTypes=2&amp;SelectedStage=0&amp;SelectedKeyLearningArea=0&amp;Near=Sydney">http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/education-services/search?SelectedTypes=1&amp;SelectedTypes=2&amp;SelectedStage=0&amp;SelectedKeyLearningArea=0&amp;Near=Sydney</a></td>
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<td>Place and liveability</td>
<td>A student—Locates and describes the diverse features and characteristics of a range of places and environments. Explains differences in human wellbeing.</td>
<td>Investigate what people need to live. Compare needs of people in urban, rural and remote locations. Conduct a comparative case study. Investigate the influence of social connectedness and community identity on the liveability of places by exploring characteristics that influence community identity e.g. Celebrations: NAIDOC, Koori Cup, Local Festivals (Guringai Festival), Blak Markets, Saltwater Festival, Garma, Jabun</td>
<td>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Culture, Heritage and Leisure <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/c311215.nsf/web/Aboriginal+and+Torres+Strait+Islander+Peoples+-+Culture,+Heritage+and+Leisure">http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/c311215.nsf/web/Aboriginal+and+Torres+Strait+Islander+Peoples+-+Culture,+Heritage+and+Leisure</a> Koori Mail <a href="http://www.koorimail.com/">http://www.koorimail.com/</a> Or actual community organising committees.</td>
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<td>Water in the world</td>
<td>A student—Explains how interactions and connections between people, places and environments result in</td>
<td>Investigate the economic, cultural, spiritual and aesthetic values of water for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Discuss the meaning of “value”. Explore different uses of water.</td>
<td>Stage 4 lesson guide Hip Hop song about Darling River <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQqik3fV8zl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQqik3fV8zl</a> Song lyrics:</td>
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<td>Discusses management of places and environments for their sustainability.</td>
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| **Sustainable Biomes** | A student— Explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments. | Investigate the human alteration of biomes to produce food, industrial materials and fibres and the environmental effects of these alterations. Explore examples of the Aboriginal sense of environmental consciousness. | Gibberagong Environmental Centre: [http://gibberagongeec.nsw.edu.au/professional-learning/teaching-resources/](http://gibberagongeec.nsw.edu.au/professional-learning/teaching-resources/)
Firestick Farming: [http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/29925/](http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/29925/) (please copy and paste the link into your browser) |
| **Environmental Change and Management** | A student— Assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability. | Investigate environmental management including different worldviews and the management approaches of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Conduct local area fieldwork at environmental education centre or botanical gardens. | Stage 5 lesson guide
Other resources: [http://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/lesson-teacher-resources-to-match-the-australian-curriculum#toc3](http://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/lesson-teacher-resources-to-match-the-australian-curriculum#toc3) (please copy and paste the link into your browser) |
| **Human Wellbeing** | A student— Communicates geographical information to a range of audiences using a variety of | Investigate the reasons for and consequences of spatial variations in human wellbeing in Australia. | Australian Bureau of Statistics
Human Rights Commission
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Geography K-10 Syllabus
Early Stage 1 geography lesson guide

Country/place

Organising ideas
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have unique belief systems and are spiritually connected to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

Syllabus topic
People live in places.

Selected syllabus content
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander places.

Students—
- Investigate the Country/Places important to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Peoples, for example:
  - Identification of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander site, Country or Place.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions
(With specific reference to Country, place, Aboriginal site)
- What are places like?
- What makes a place special?
- How can we look after the places we live in?

Key terminology
Special, important, look after, stories, location, photo, map.

Resource links

Sharing Our Stories (Pearson Education)
Stage 1 geography lesson guide

Country/place

Organising ideas

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have unique belief systems and are spiritually connected to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

Syllabus topic

People live in places.

Selected syllabus content

Local and global connections.

Students—

- Investigate connections that people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, have to local and global places, for example:
  - Discussion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ connections with land, sea and animals of their place.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

- Where are places located in Australia?
- How are people connected to places?
- What factors affect people’s connections to places?

Key terminology

Special, important, look after, stories, location, photo, map, protect, land, water, Country, sites

Resource links


Dust Echoes http://www.abc.net.au/dustechoes/
Stage 2 geography lesson guide

Country/Place

Organising ideas

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have unique belief systems and are spiritually connected to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

Syllabus topic

The Earth’s environments.

Selected syllabus content

Protection of environments

Students—

- Investigate sustainable practices that protect environments, including those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, for example:
  - Examination of how environments can be used sustainably eg sustainable agricultural, commercial and recreational practices.
  - Examination of how the practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples support the sustainable use of environments eg use of resources.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

- How does the environment support the lives of people and other living things?
- How do different views about the environment influence approaches to management of environments?
- How can people use places and environments more sustainably?

Key terminology

Earth, world, heritage, site, culture, management, environment, viewpoints, Country, traditions, sources, location, usage, sustainability.

Resource links

Using Fire to Care for Country (Through Our Eyes Series) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-e2CoHrNk1c

Stage 3 geography lesson guide

Country/Place

Organising ideas

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have unique belief systems and are spiritually connected to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

Syllabus topic

Factors that shape place.

Selected syllabus content

Protection of environments

Students—

• Investigate the ways people change the natural environment in Australia.
  ○ Examination of how people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, have influenced environmental characteristics.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

• How do Aboriginal peoples and their environments influence one another?
• How do Aboriginal peoples influence places and the management of spaces within them?
• Why is the concept of Caring for Country important to Aboriginal peoples?

Key terminology

Place, environment, impact, change, Country, land, water, hazard, planning, develop

Resource links

Aboriginal Rock Carvings in Danger http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/103088/sydney-s-aboriginal-rock-carvings-in-danger-1969 (please copy and paste the link into your browser)

Sustaining Animal Populations https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FcJezLo5Xs&list=PL5Oe_wGmcw4v-oggEKWfOTICplsHoJsRV&index=10

Aboriginal Fire Management http://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/land/aboriginal-fire-management#axzz3ng8ALCrP

Stage 4 geography lesson guide

Country/Place

Organising ideas

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have unique belief systems and are spiritually connected to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

Syllabus topic

Water.

Selected syllabus content

Protection of environments

Students—

- Investigate the economic, cultural, spiritual and aesthetic values of water for people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
  - Description of the ways water is used by people eg agricultural, commercial, industrial and recreational uses
  - Comparison of the importance of water to ONE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

- What is the importance of the economic, cultural, spiritual and aesthetic value of water for people including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
- What are the environmental, economic and social effects of water as it connects places?
- What is the role of governments, non-government organisations, individuals and communities in managing water resources?
- Why is it important to respect traditional knowledge?
- Why is Aboriginal input essential to effective waterways management?

Key terminology

Country, land, water, Dreaming, culture, spirituality, lifestyle, sustainability, environmental responsibility, language

Resource links

Life on the Barwon-Darling River System https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsFGrud7hu4
Stage 5 geography lesson guide

Country/Place

Organising ideas
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have unique belief systems and are spiritually connected to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

Syllabus topic
Environmental change and management.

Selected syllabus content
Environmental management

Students—
• Investigate environmental management, including different worldviews and the management approaches of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions
• What is the importance of the economic, cultural, spiritual and aesthetic value of Country and environment for people including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
• What are the environmental, economic and social effects of environmental change and management over time and place?
• What is the role of governments, non-government organisations, individuals and communities in managing environmental change?
• Why is Aboriginal input and knowledge essential to effective environmental management?

Key terminology
Country, land, water, change, environment, landscapes, people, place, Dreaming, culture, spirituality, lifestyle, sustainability, environmental responsibility, language, attitudes, comparison, impacts, heritage, protection

Resource links
Change on the Barwon Darling River https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XHe5lCX1k4
Sustaining Animal Populations: An Aboriginal Perspective https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FcJezLo5Xs
Using Fire to Care for Country https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-e2CoHrNk1c
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<td>Personal and family histories</td>
<td>A student— Communications stories of their own family heritage and the heritage of others.</td>
<td>Engage in and respond to stories about families in other places, including those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups. Read and discuss Dreamers or Me and my dad. Watch and discuss Dreaming Stories: Aboriginal Heritage of Hornsby Area.</td>
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<td>Present and past family life</td>
<td>A student— Communicates an understanding of change and continuity in family life using appropriate historical terms.</td>
<td>(Syllabus) Identify days, holidays, events celebrated by students and their families and discuss cultural differences in days celebrated. Complete activity two: Many stories museum from Harmony day website. Define and use terms relating to time, sequencing objects or photographs from the past, e.g. then and now, past and present, a long time ago.</td>
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<td>The past in the</td>
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<td>Examine local or regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</td>
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<td>Community and remembrance</td>
<td>A student— Identifies celebrations and commemorations of significance in Australia and the world.</td>
<td>(Syllabus) Discuss days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia and the importance of symbols and emblems. Discuss meaning and importance of NAIDOC Week. Discuss meaning and importance of Aboriginal and TSI Flags.</td>
<td>2015 NAIDOC <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXDk4rlM_Ks">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXDk4rlM_Ks</a> Flags <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOEY1GCFoN0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOEY1GCFoN0</a></td>
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<td><strong>The Australian colonies</strong></td>
<td>A student— Describes and explains the significance of people, groups, places and events to the development of Australia.</td>
<td>Read The Rabbits” by John Marsden. (Syllabus) Discuss the impact of Settlement on Local Aboriginal peoples and the environment. (Syllabus) Discuss the diverse relationships between Aboriginal Peoples and the British. (Syllabus) Identify events that have shaped Australia’s identity and discuss why they were significant. (Syllabus) Use a range of sources to investigate the role of a particular man, woman or group and the contributions that each made to the shaping of the colony.</td>
<td>Marsden, J. (1998). Rabbits, the. Sydney: Hachette Australia. Thinking the 26th January <a href="http://www.criticalclassroom.com/thinking-the-26th-of-january/">http://www.criticalclassroom.com/thinking-the-26th-of-january/</a> Personality Study (Pemulwuy, Barangaroo or Bennelong) <a href="http://www.beyondthewharf.com.au/ancestral-spirit/personalities/">http://www.beyondthewharf.com.au/ancestral-spirit/personalities/</a> <a href="http://findingbennelong.com/">http://findingbennelong.com/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Australia as a nation</strong></td>
<td>(Syllabus) Examine Australian Human Rights, Past and present, affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Migrants, Women and Children. Watch clip and discuss the contribution of missionary Lancelot Threkald. (Syllabus) Investigate the significance of ONE of the following in the struggle for the rights and freedoms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. • the Stolen Generations • the right to vote federally in 1962 • the 1967 Referendum • the Mabo decision (Syllabus) Using a range of sources, research and describe contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other groups to Australian society. Students choose an inspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person and prepare a newspaper article documenting their life and achievements. Ensure a cross section by choosing from politicians, activists, medical workers, sportsmen or women, artists, authors, business people etc.</td>
<td>Stage 3 lesson guide Lancelot Threkald <a href="http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/152088/?p_p_lifecycle=2&amp;p_p_resource_id=recommendCount&amp;p_p_cacheability=cacheLevelPage&amp;splashmediaportlet_WA_R_splashmediaportlet_cliptTitle=the-awabakal-language-of-the-newcastle-area">http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/152088/?p_p_lifecycle=2&amp;p_p_resource_id=recommendCount&amp;p_p_cacheability=cacheLevelPage&amp;splashmediaportlet_WA_R_splashmediaportlet_cliptTitle=the-awabakal-language-of-the-newcastle-area</a> (please copy and paste this link into your browser) Indigenous rights resources <a href="http://indigenousrights.net.au/resources/teachers_resources">http://indigenousrights.net.au/resources/teachers_resources</a></td>
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| Investigating the ancient past   | A student—Uses evidence from sources to support historical narratives and explanations. Uses a range of historical terms and concepts when communicating an understanding of the past. | (Syllabus) Locate, describe and investigate using a variety of sources for ancient Australia. (Syllabus) The importance of conserving the remains of the ancient past, including the heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Describe an (ancient) Australian site, which has preserved the Heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. | Stage 4 lesson guide  
AHTA Narrabeen Man lesson Plans  
| The ancient to the modern world  | Depth study 6, Expanding contacts                                                                 | (Syllabus) Using a range of sources, describe some of the different experiences of contact between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, such as the impact of disease, land-disputes, dispossession, frontier wars. Read excerpts from Windradyne, A Wiradjuri Koorie. (Syllabus) Recall the nature of early British contact with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Watch relevant parts of the First Australians available online. | Coe, M (1989), Windradyne, A Wiradjuri Koorie, Canberra: Aboriginal Studies Press  
The First Australians  
Suggested teacher resource for information on different communities  
[http://nationalunitygovernment.org/content/first-australians-historic-resources-and-activism-links](http://nationalunitygovernment.org/content/first-australians-historic-resources-and-activism-links) |

## Stage 5

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<td>Topic 1B Movement of Peoples (1750-1901)</td>
<td>(Syllabus) Describe the impacts of Convicts and Free Settlers on the Indigenous Peoples of the Regions occupied. Suggested activities, same as above for stage 4, for depth study 6. (Presumed that both Depth Studies not undertaken.)</td>
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| **Depth study 2**             | **Topic 2A**                      | **Making a nation**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Changing State Borders  
www.atlas.nsw.gov.au  
Era 1: Colonisation  
| Australia and Asia            |                                   | *(Syllabus) Outline the expansion of European Settlement on a Map of Aboriginal Australia to 1900*  
Complete a mapping activity based on maps found in Changing State Borders.  
*(Syllabus) Use a range of sources to describe contact experiences between European settlers and Indigenous peoples.*  
Read, view and discuss Era 1: Colonisation.  
*(Syllabus) Discuss the consequences of the introduction of the Australian Constitution for the rights of women and Aboriginal people.*                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| **Core Study—Depth Study 3** | **Australians at war**            | A student—  
Explains and assesses the historical forces and factors that shaped the modern world and Australia.  
Explains different contexts, perspectives and interpretations of the modern world and Australia.  
*(Syllabus) Using sources, investigate the experiences of Australians at war, participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Commemorations and the nature of the ANZAC legend.*  
Examine different perspectives on the ANZAC legend, by exploring case studies of Aboriginal soldiers.  
Or  
View and discuss the story behind Sydney’s bullet sculpture.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Case studies  
The story behind Sydney’s bullet sculpture  
| **Core Study—Depth Study 4** | **Rights and freedoms**           | The Modern World and Australia Core Study - Depth Study 4: Rights and Freedoms, a learning and teaching unit developed for Inverell High School by Cath Jeffery (Available on the Departments website—Secondary, HSIE, History)                                                                                                                             | Stage 5 lesson guide  
Noel Pearson’s Whitlam Eulogy Text and Video clip  
| (1945 to the Present)         |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| **Depth Study 5**             | **Topic 5B**                      | **The Globalising World**  
The Environment Movement (1960s-present)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Topic 5B                      |                                   | Discuss key events in the growing awareness of environmental issues in Australia and the World before 1975, through a musical study e.g. Solid Rock by Goanna.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**History K-10 Syllabus**
Early Stage 1 history lesson guide

People

Organising ideas

Australia acknowledges the significant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people locally and globally.

Syllabus topic

Personal and family histories.

Selected syllabus content

The different structures of families and family groups today, and what they have in common

- Students engage in and respond to stories about families in other places, including those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

- What is my history and how do I know?
- What stories do other people tell about the past?
- How can stories of the past be told and shared?

Key terminology

My history, family history, location, people, events, stories, daily life, photograph, where I live.

Resource links

Aboriginal Heritage of the Hornsby area (3 short films/approx. 3 mins each)

Caring for place caring for country
Stage 1 history lesson guide

People

Organising ideas

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have unique belief systems and are spiritually connected to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

Syllabus topic

The past in the present

Selected syllabus content

The importance today of an historical site of cultural or spiritual significance; for example, a community building, a landmark, a war memorial

- Students examine local or regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sites, e.g. local national parks.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

- What aspects of the past can you see around you today?
- What do they tell us?
- What remains of the past are important to the local community? Why?
- How have changes in technology shaped our daily life?

Key terminology

Society, site, preserve, history, community, technology, stories, importance, sources, life.

Resource links


Stage 2 history lesson guide

People

Organising ideas

Australia acknowledges the significant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people locally and globally.

Syllabus topic

First contacts.

Selected syllabus content

The diversity and longevity of Australia's first peoples and the ways Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples are connected to Country and Place (land, sea, waterways and skies) and the implications for their daily lives

• Students identify the original inhabitants of Australia and create a timeline indicating their longevity in Australia of more than 50,000 years.

• Students investigate, drawing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community representatives (where possible) and other sources, the traditional Aboriginal way of life, focusing on people, their beliefs, food, shelter, tools and weapons, customs and ceremonies, art works, dance, music, and relationship to Country.

The nature of contact between Aboriginal people and/or Torres Strait Islanders and the effects of these interactions on, for example, families and the environment.

• Students describe the nature of contact between Aboriginal people and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples and others, including Aboriginal resistance.

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

• What was life like for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples before the arrival of the Europeans?

• What was the nature and consequence of contact between Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples?

Key terminology

Country, land, water, Dreaming, culture, spirituality, lifestyle, invasion, colonisation, heritage, site, traditions, significance, primary source, secondary source.

Resource links

Stage 3 history lesson guide

People

Organising ideas

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Syllabus topic

Australia as a nation.

Selected syllabus content

Experiences of Australian democracy and citizenship, including the status and rights of Aboriginal people and/or Torres Strait Islanders, migrants, women and children

Students:

- examine Australian human rights, past and present, affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, migrants, women and children
- explain how Australian society has changed throughout the twentieth century for these groups
- investigate the significance of ONE of the following in the struggle for the rights and freedoms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
  - the Stolen Generations
  - the right to vote federally in 1962
  - the 1967 Referendum
  - the Mabo decision

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

- Why and how did Australia become a nation? What were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders laws and customs?
- How did Australian society change throughout the twentieth century?
- Who were the people who came to Australia post 1788? Why did they come?
- What contribution have significant individuals and groups including Aboriginal peoples made to the development of Australian society?

Key terminology

Colonies, nation, indigenous, pre-contact, post contact, Federation, democracy, rights, migration, human rights, law, government, invasion, settlement, constitution, local, state, federal.
Resource links


Stage 4 history lesson guide

People

Organising ideas

Australia acknowledges the significant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people locally and globally.

Syllabus topic

The Ancient World: Depth study 1—Investigating the Ancient Past.

Selected syllabus content

The nature of the sources for ancient Australia and what they reveal about Australia’s past in the ancient period, such as the use of resources

Students:

• locate and describe a variety of sources for ancient Australia, e.g. animal and human remains, tools, middens, art and stories and sites related to the Dreaming
• investigate what these sources reveal about Australia’s ancient past

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

• What are the key features and places (includes land, sea and skies) of local Country?
• What evidence is there on local Country that stories the longevity and lifestyles of Aboriginal peoples?
• What flora and fauna of local Country can be used for tools and utensils such as hatchets, grinding stones, spearheads etc.?
• Is there any specific flora and fauna that can be used to make paints/art/decorative materials?
• What forms of shelter exited on local Country?
• Are there any specific words or phrases in the language of local Country that name and describe land and water resources?

Key terminology

Country, Dreaming, artefact, tool, weapon, utensil, middens, site, heritage, identity, culture, Indigenous, source material, sources, archaeology, historical inquiry, community, settlement, invasion.
Resource links

Discoveries at Lake Mungo  http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/522233/discoveries-at-lake-mungo

Uluru  http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/1436296/how-uluru-came-to-be


Aboriginal Sites  http://www.aboriginalheritage.org/sites/identification/

Narrabeen Man  http://www.achistoryunits.edu.au/year-7/unit-program/y2-overview-v2-1.html
Stage 5 history lesson guide

People

Organising ideas

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Syllabus topic

Rights and freedoms.

Selected syllabus content

Background to the struggle of Aboriginal and TSI peoples for rights and freedoms before 1965, including the 1938 Day of Mourning and the Stolen Generations

Students:

- explain the purpose and significance of early twentieth-century Aboriginal activism including the 1938 Day of Mourning protest for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- outline the rights and freedoms denied to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples before 1965 and the role and policies of the Aboriginal Protection Board, e.g. the control of wages and reserves
- using a range of sources, describe the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were forcibly removed from their families (Stolen Generations)
- describe the effects of the assimilation policy for rights and freedoms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Teaching/learning/guiding inquiry questions

- Why did Governments introduce specific policies to impede the rights and freedoms of Aboriginal & Torre Strait Islander peoples?
- Why did Aboriginal peoples struggle to achieve rights and freedoms?
- What impacts did this have on local Country, culture and lifestyles for Aboriginal peoples?

Key terminology

Institutions, Darwinism, racism, human rights, indigenous, dispossession, protection, assimilation, attitudes, cultural identity, rights and freedoms.
Resource links

From Little Things Big Things Grow—National Museum of Australia