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	Australian System of Government						
Knowledge	Understanding	Applying	Analysing	Creating	Evaluating		
Australia is a <i>federation</i> ,	What is the Australian	Investigate a bill that is	The Australian	Complete this worksheet to	Freedom of speech is		
a constitutional	Constitution and how does	currently before	Constitution is an	better understand how	one of many important		
monarchy and a	it determine Australia's	parliament by visiting	important document	laws are made in the	democratic principles		
parliamentary	system of governance?	this website:	that provides a	Australian Parliament:	that must be upheld in		
democracy.	What are the two houses	Bills currently before	framework for	Bills and Laws	Australian society.		
What does all this mean?	that make the Australian	<u>Parliament</u>	Australian law.	Create a flowchart of how			
Research these terms and explain how they are all	Parliament? Explain the difference	Write a report on the details of the bill and its	Visit this website to learn about how a law is	a bill gets passed to become a law.	How is this maintained in our society?		
related to Australia's system of government.	between the two houses and why they are called bicameral.	current status in Parliament.	made in Australia	Nationhood What is nationhood?	What would happen in Australian society if		
Include an explanation of the Westminster system	Separation of Powers What are the three arms of	How will the bill you have chosen impact	Making a law in the Australian Parliament	Why is it important for Australians to feel a sense of nationhood?	citizens could not exercise the right to fre speech?		
and its origins, and why	government and how does each one ensures Australia	Australian society if it is	What is Parliament's				
Australia adopted this	maintains principles	passed?	function in the process	What are some of the			
system of governance.	surrounding the rule of law	(You can choose to work	of making laws?	national emblems and			
Use primary sources of	in its democracy?	with a partner for this	What is a <i>Bill,</i> and how	cultural practices that			
information to assist with	Complete the following	task, and don't forget to	does it <i>get passed</i> in	contribute to Australian			
your research, such as:	activity:	ask for assistance from	Parliament?	citizens feeling their sense			
MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY OLD PALLAMENT HOUSE	Separation of Powers Create a diagram with explanations to help support your thinking.	your teacher if you are unsure of anything and need to gain better understanding).		of Australian identity? Create a poster celebrating Australian culture and the democratic freedoms we enjoy today.			

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Year 6 HASS Humanities and Social Sciences Program Links

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ACHASSK134 Key figures, events and ideas that led to Australia's Federation and Constitution

• identifying key elements of Australia's system of law and government and their origins (for example, the Magna Carta; federalism; constitutional monarchy; the Westminster system and the separation of powers – legislature, executive, judiciary; the houses of parliament; how laws are made)

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Federation 1901						
Knowledge	Understanding	Applying	Analysing	Creating	Evaluating	
Federation of Australia occurred in 1901. What is Federation? Research events leading up to Federation including the Tenterfield Oration and two important referendums that were held between 1898 - 1900. Write a biography about Australia's first Prime Minister: Sir Edmund Barton.	Who were the key figureheads in making Federation successful? Research an influential person who was involved in this event. Some people you might like to consider can include: > Henry Parkes > Edmund Barton > George Reid > John Quick How did Australia come to have territories as recognised in the constitution?	Create a timeline of events leading up to this important milestone in Australia's history.	What role did the colonies have in working towards and achieving Federation? Explain how the colonies were functioning under their own systems of governance before 1901, and how that changed after Federation.	Write a set of quiz questions about facts surrounding the events of Federation. You might like to categorise your questions into these areas: ✓ Spelling terminology ✓ Fact or Fiction? ✓ Multiple choice ✓ What am I? ✓ Definitions	Why did Australia need to be federated? Australia developed from autocratic rule in 1788 to becoming a system of responsible government. Explain the importance of 'popular representation' in our society and how it is connected to why Federation occurred. How it changed the way Australia was governed after 1901?	



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ACHASSK134 Key figures, events and ideas that led to Australia's Federation and Constitution

• studying Australia's path to Federation through an examination of key people (for example, Henry Parkes, Edmund Barton, George Reid, John Quick) and events (for example, the Tenterfield Oration, the Corowa Conference, the referendums held in the colonies between 1898 and 1900)

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Population Growth and Change in Australian Society						
Knowledge	Understanding	Applying	Analysing	Creating	Evaluating	
the lowest population apopulation growth affer their quality of life? How has the government managed its society? Town or city areas, service availability, and maintate. What does the world pulike up to 2050?	er data and information garding world population ou understand where he globe. book in digital form about ude the following points of the types of ways data has explain why this is so. alled Holy See? Why do n is so low? I y ranks as number 1 for wth, and the country with growth. How does ct how citizens live and int of those countries hink about the size of rices and facilities, land ining the rule of law.	Use the data from the following website and analyse what is happening in each category listed at the top of the table: Australian Population Growth Create a line graph to show the results from any column for the years from 1955 to 2019. You might like to create a class display for all the data collected.	Using the data from Australia's population growth, explain possible reasons why some trends, both positive or negative may have happened and what impacts it presented in Australian society at the time. Think about: 1. Urban and rural facilities and infrastructure 2. Land availability 3. Food production industry 4. Manufacturing industry 5. Law enforcement – the development of citizens' rights and freedoms over time under the rule of law	A tremendous change occurred with the industrial revolution: Global Growth Rate Whereas it had taken all human history until around 1800 for world population to reach one billion; the second billion was achieved in only 130 years (1930); the third billion in 30 years (1960); the fourth billion in 15 years (1974); and the fifth billion in only 13 years (1987). Create a graph predicting what the global population will be in the year 2100.	Australia's Immigration program has been an important part of the long-term economic development and growth of Australia. Write an exposition on why you think this is the case. Do you believe Australia should continue this trend? Give reasons and examples to show your thinking and include personal experiences if you can to further support your explanation. What challenges will the government have in the future in being able to maintain principles of the rule of law in a more diverse and burgeoning society?	



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Suffrage						
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 What does being an Australian citizen mean to you? What rights do Australian citizens enjoy today? What is suffrage? What is a suffragette? Explain how different groups of people fought for the right to vote and enabled peoples' rights and freedoms in Australia today. Research an Australian suffragette and write a biography about their life and struggle in bringing equal rights to all citizens. 	Why are suffragettes important? How has suffrage contributed to Australian democratic society? What is a referendum and why are they so important in our democracy? The 1967 Referendum was an important change in how Australian society voted. What was the question for this referendum and what changes did it instigate? Write an information report on this event using primary sources to research your information, such as aph.gov.au	After European settlement in 1788, why did it take so long for universal male suffrage to occur around 1850? Who controlled government decisionmaking before 1850? When, and why did it take so long for women to gain permission to vote in Australian elections? Granting women the right to vote in elections was one thing, but allowing them to become a representative in parliament took a further period of time. Why was this so?	The indigenous people had to fight for the right to vote or become a representative in Australian elections long after permission was granted for women: 1. Why was this the case? 2. When did permission for all indigenous people to vote occur? Describe the significance of this achievement: 3. How do you think the indigenous people have felt over time about these decisions? 4. What steps have been taken towards reconciliation and how can further progress be achieved?	Create a cause and effect chart to demonstrate the significant contributions suffragettes have made in Australian society since 1800. Your chart needs to show what living in Australian society would be like today if they had not fought for equal rights. Without their efforts, would Australia be as democratic as it is today?	Investigate suffrage movements currently occurring around the world today. Write an information report on their cause, including how they can impact the actions of a government – both positive and negative. Determine what you believe the outcome will be, including reasons to support your thinking.	



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Australian Immigration						
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What do these terms mean, and what is the difference between them? • Stereotypes • Perspective • Prejudice • Bias • Discrimination Provide examples to support your answers	How have these terms influenced the way citizens in Australian society have interacted with each other since before and after European settlement in 1788? Explain why you think people have pre-perceived ideas and opinions about someone else's beliefs and circumstances, and how important is it to have a better understanding of someone else's point of view? Investigate an Australian law regarding discrimination. How does the law protect citizens against discrimination in Australian society? Provide examples to support your thinking.	Interview a new or first- generation migrant to Australia to find out how their past experiences have impacted their life and how they currently live in an Australian community. Include questions that can provide information about: 1. Why they emigrated (or fled) from their previous country 2. Explaining the differences or similarities between their previous and current life experiences, such as customs and beliefs 3. How they feel about living in Australian society that has different cultural experiences 4. What contributions and improvements would they like to see happen in their communities in the future?	Many migrants come to Australia after living in a country where principles regarding the rule of law does not exist or has been suppressed. How can their life experiences help support and maintain principles in living under the rule of law in Australian society? What other ways do migrants positively contribute to Australian society?	Research a prominent Australian migrant since 1900 and write a biography about their life. Include information about how their achievements and contributions to Australian society have influenced how we live today. Create a class book about influential Australian migrants.	Multiculturalism benefits Australia Prepare a class debate about this topic. Make sure your arguments are clearly explained and supported by the following steps: • Make a statement • Explain your thinking Provide examples to support your argument	



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