

QCA Adapted Scheme of Work

History Key Stage 2 – Year 6

The Indigenous People of Australia

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An adaptation of History Unit 19: ‘What were the effects of Tudor Exploration?’ to create a cross curricular History, Geography and Citizenship Project.

About this cross curricular project...

- contextualised in learning about 'Victorian Britain' in NC History for KS2;
- addresses aspects of Aims and Purposes of Geography in Key Stage 2;
- meets certain aims of citizenship education summarised in the PSHE/Cit Ed guidelines of the NC
- Promotes aspects of the Aims, Values and Purposes of Education in the NC



Indigenous People of Australia



Global Citizen's Commission GCC

There has been much discussion in recent years regarding the Indigenous people of Australia and how Government policies and practices of the past have affected them.

The GCC has requested an advisory group be appointed to investigate the issue, taking into account the points of view of all peoples concerned...

GCC Advisory Group

As a member of the GCC Advisory Group, together with your other team members, you are required to investigate the issue. You will compile a report and present your findings to the Global Citizen's Commission.

A further discussion will take place in relation to the eight key concepts of global dimension...

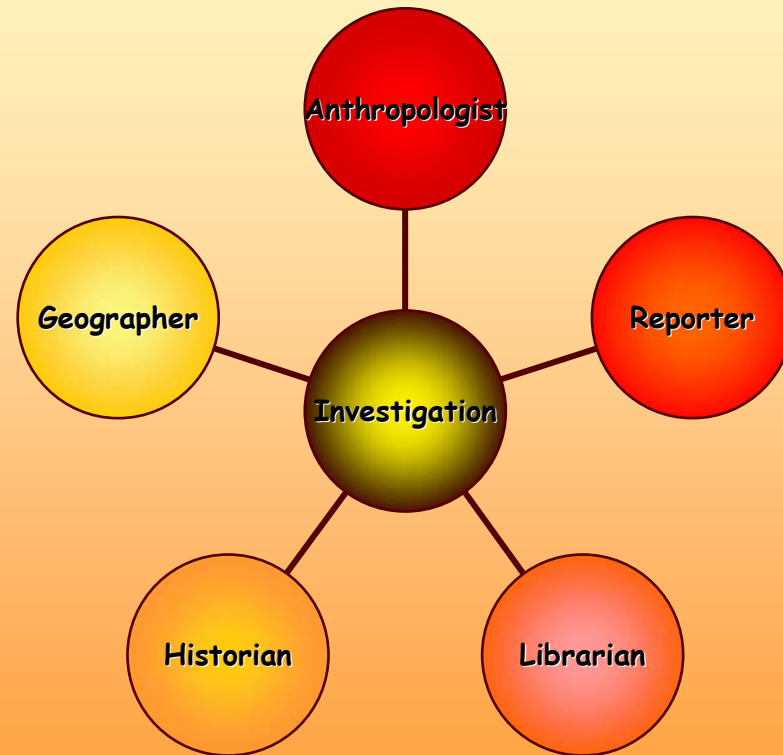
The question to be answered by your team is...

Question

Should the Indigenous people of Australia be able to reclaim the land that was once theirs alone?
Yes or No?

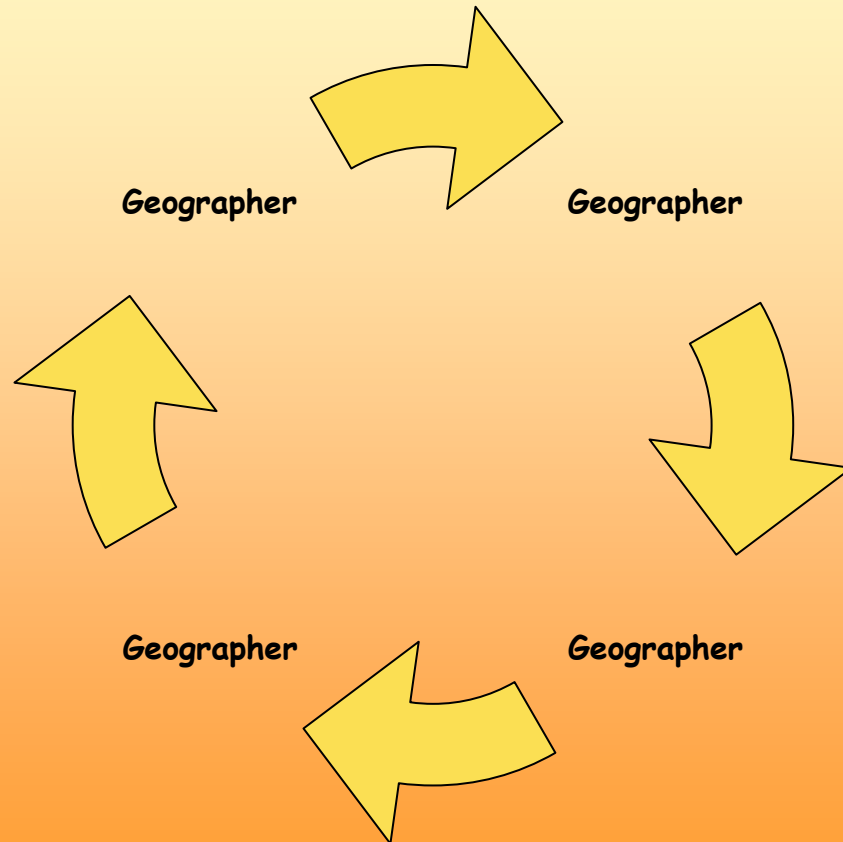
Group Organisation

Each member of the group will be given a specific role which looks at the issue from a certain perspective...



Group Organisation Cont...

- Each group member will then get together with the others of the same role to discuss and share ideas.
- Each member will then report back to their respective groups to share their findings...



Group Organisation Cont...

- Each group will consider issues concerning all peoples involved...
- Together, each group will compile a report and present their findings to the GCC...



Historians

Your task is to look at the history of the Aboriginal people and their relationship to the English settlers who arrived in Australia. Here are some starter questions to help you...

1. When did the first Aboriginal people arrive in Australia?
2. What kind of people were they? Consider their lifestyle.
3. When/how did the English settlers arrive in Australia?
4. What kind of people were they? Consider their lifestyle.
5. Draw a time line to show these events.
6. What does transportation mean? Why did this happen?
7. What is an Emancipist?

Historians Cont...

In addition, consider the following...

What changes resulted from the English settlement?

What were the effects of the English settlement on the Aboriginal people?

How did the English settlement affect their use of land?

Once you have completed your task, from an Historian's perspective,

Should the Indigenous people of Australia be able to reclaim the land that was once theirs alone?

Yes or No?

Geographers

Your task is to investigate how the Aboriginal people got to Australia and the arrival of the first British explorers. These questions may help you...

1. Where did the first Aboriginal people come from and how did they get to Australia?
2. Use an outline map of Australia, to plot the route they took.
3. What was the earth's climate like at this time?
4. How did it change? What were the reasons for this?
5. How did this affect the various groups of Aboriginal people?

Geographers Cont...

Consider the following questions in relation to the British explorer, Captain James Cook...

1. When did the first British explorers arrive in Australia?
2. What was the purpose of their voyage? Where did they land first? What was it named? How important was this for Britain?
3. What other areas of the South Pacific did they explore and why?
4. Following the same route as Captain Cook, map out his voyages.

Once you have completed your task, from a Geographer's perspective,

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Anthropologists

Your task is to investigate the culture of the Aboriginal people and their relationship with the land. Here are some questions to help you...

1. How did the Aboriginal people relate to the land?
2. Why is the creation story so significant to their beliefs?
3. What is special about Aboriginal art?
4. Why is music and dance important in Aboriginal culture?
5. How different was the Aboriginal culture to that of the settlers?

Anthropologists Cont...

In addition, consider the following...

Who were the Stolen Generation?

What effect did this have on the Aboriginal people?

Why did this happen?

Once you have completed your task, from an Anthropologist's perspective,

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Yes or No?

Librarians

Using a selection of books, your task is to investigate the transportation of convicts and the journey undertaken by them and that of the free settlers. Consider the impact their arrival had on the health of the Aboriginal people...

1. What types of crime did the convicts commit?
2. Why were they sent to Australia? Describe their journey?
3. How did the long journey affect their health?
2. How did their journey differ from that of the free settlers?
3. What were the main illnesses that faced the Aboriginal people? Give reasons for this.

Librarians Cont...

In addition, consider the following...

How did the Aboriginal people's attitudes to health differ from those of the settlers?

How does the issue of health connect to the land, customs and traditions of the Aboriginal people?

Once you have completed your task, from a Librarian's perspective,

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Yes or No?

Reporters

Your task is to investigate the values, beliefs and practices of the Aboriginal people. Use the following questions to help you...

1. What things do the Aboriginal people value in their lives?
2. How did this influence the way they lived?
3. What beliefs do they have? How important are these?
4. What is the Dreaming? Why is this so important to Aboriginal beliefs?
5. How did their values and beliefs connect to the land?
6. What were the values, beliefs and practices of the settlers?

Reporters Cont...

In addition, consider the following...

How did the values, beliefs and practices of the Aboriginal people differ from those of the settlers?

What impact did this have on the Aboriginals and the settlement overall?

Once you have completed your task, from a Reporter's perspective,

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Yes or No?

Useful Resources

<http://library.thinkquest.org/C0115620/>

<http://library.thinkquest.org/J0110065/>

<http://www.dreamtime.net.au/kids/factsheet>

<http://aboriginalart.com.au/>

<http://aboriginalart.com.au/didgeridoo/>

<http://www.mariner.org/educationalad/ageofex/cook.php>

GCC Debate

Each group member must be involved in the presentation...

While each group presents their findings, all members of the Global Citizen's Commission will complete an information sheet, focusing on the key elements of each presentation. This will form part of the evidence for the central debate.

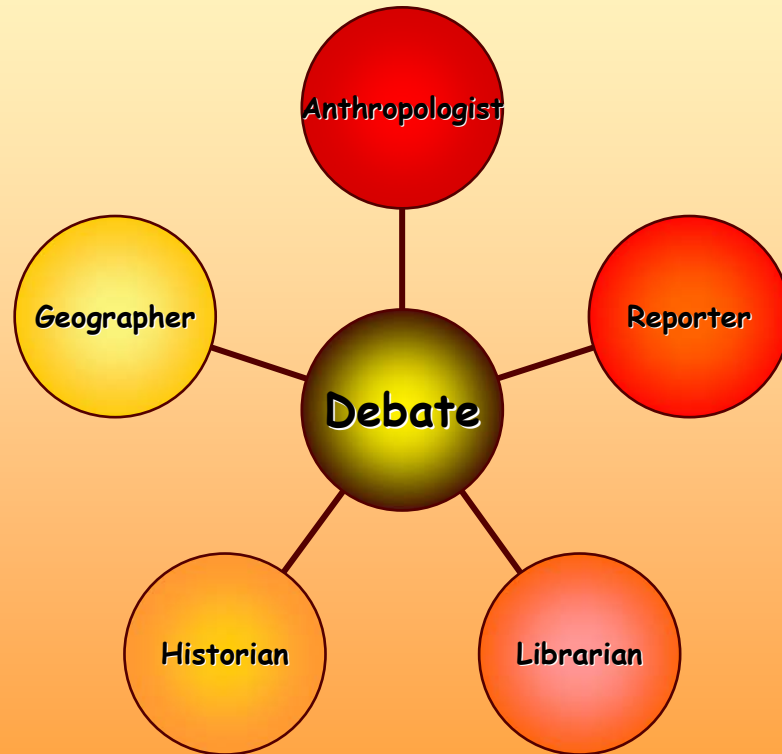
When all groups have delivered their findings, a new group of advisors will be elected. This group will consist of...

New Advisory Group

It is then the task of this group to bring together all the perspectives and come to an agreement, which answers the question,

Should the Indigenous people of Australia be able to reclaim the land that was once theirs alone?

Yes or No?



Global Citizen's Forum

Before you make the final report, all members must take part in the Global Citizen's Forum, to evaluate their findings in relation to the eight key concepts of the Global Dimension. Here are some ideas for you to discuss...

Sustainable Development... Points: 1,2,4,5,6.

Before the settlers came, Aboriginal people were nomadic, semi-nomadic people, lived in harmony with nature, animals and the land. Did not deplete stocks, encouraged re-growth etc. Settlers disturbed this process through, industrialisation, deforestation, cultivation etc.

Human Rights... Points, 3,4.

Discuss how the settlers imposed their laws, beliefs and practices upon an already established civilized society/culture. Discuss inequalities and racism issues and how these could be resolved etc.

Global Citizenship Forum

Values and Perceptions... Points, 1,2,4.

Discuss similarities and differences between Aboriginals and settlers, how assumptions and perceptions can be questioned and challenged, etc.

Diversity... All Points.

Discuss the importance of understanding and respecting cultural diversity. The traditional laws and customs of the Aboriginal people, how their right to practice their beliefs were denied, etc.

Interdependence... Points, 2, 3, 5.

Discuss how there were no special traders in the Aboriginal society. People traded, goods such as ochre, shells and boomerangs as gifts. Compare with the British traders. Expansion of the British Empire, voyages of expedition, trading goods and materials in different continents and the impact this had on Indigenous people around the world, etc.

Global Citizenship Forum

Social Justice... All Points.

Discuss the issues of equality, justice and fairness between both communities. The consequences of unequal powers and access to resources, the impact this had on the Aboriginal people, etc.

Global Citizenship... Points 1, 6.

Evaluate different view points between all peoples in the settlement. Discuss the role of language, place, arts and religion within the Aboriginal culture and the impact the settlers had on this, etc.

Conflict Resolution... All Points.

Discuss the issue of conflict and the effect this had on the people, places and the environment. How the use of communication, negotiation and compromise could have resolved problems between both communities, etc.

All members of the Global Citizen's Advisory Group must now make their final answer.

Global Citizen's Commission

The Global Citizen's Commission would like to thank all members of the Advisory Group for their participation in making this report.

The final report will be sent to the High Commission for further analysis. All recommendations made will be taken into consideration before a final decision is made as to whether the Indigenous people of Australia can reclaim the land that was once theirs alone.

Thank you for your cooperation.