

# Australian Citizenship Day lesson and activity ideas

## Students will:

- \* discover the privileges and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.
- \* appreciate the benefits of celebrating Australian Citizenship Day in September 2007.

## Society and the Environment

- \* Research the first Australian citizenship ceremony conducted in Australia. Where and when was it held? Write a paragraph about what happened at that major event.

## English

- \* As a class activity, role-play an Australian citizenship ceremony. (*Details can be found on the previous page*).
- \* Students to complete the Australian Citizenship Day 2007 student activity sheet (*found on the next page*.) Why not use questions 1 and 2 as a basis for class discussion?
- \* Were you born in Australia, and automatically became an Australian citizen? Were you or your family born overseas and have chosen to become Australian citizens? Why not interview a student in your class, or someone you know, who has become an Australian citizen, and write the story of why they became an Australian citizen and what they enjoy most about being an Australian and living in Australia?

## The Arts

- \* Create a collage of pictures from magazines and newspapers that depict Australians being good Australian citizens and contributing to our society in a positive way.

## Health and Physical Education

- \* As a class, decide what is going to be your class or school's official 'Australian Citizenship Day Great Aussie Sporting Activity'. Spend some time playing that game as part of your Australian Citizenship Day activities.

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- \* Research the privileges and responsibilities of being a citizen of another country in the world.
- \* Many towns and places in Australia have names that come from Indigenous or other languages. Investigate some of these names in your local area. What do they mean?

## Mathematics

- \* Conduct a survey (*include family members too*) to discover how many students and/or their families were born overseas and have become Australian citizens, and how many were born in Australia. Graph the results.

For more Australian Citizenship Day lesson and activity ideas and downloadable and printable student activity sheets, visit the website  
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