

# Australian Citizenship Day 2007

You will need to visit the following website and website section to complete these activities [www.citizenship.gov.au](http://www.citizenship.gov.au) and [www.citizenship.gov.au/resources](http://www.citizenship.gov.au/resources)

1. Briefly explain, in your own words, what an affirmation ceremony is.

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2. Describe the typical sequence of events at an Australian citizenship ceremony.

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3. What do you think are the similarities and differences between the 'Australian citizenship affirmation' and the 'Australian citizenship pledge'?

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4. Briefly explain what you understand the proposed new Citizenship Test to be about.

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As a class, discuss the following:

- Why do you think we have affirmation ceremonies as well as Australian citizenship ceremonies? Do you think it is important to have both types of ceremonies? Why?
- Do you think it is important to become an Australian citizen once you have decided to make Australia home? Why?
- Do you think it is important to have special national days such as Australian Citizenship Day, Anzac Day, Australia Day and Harmony Day every year? Why? What are the similarities between these days?
- Why do you think it is just as important to know about the responsibilities of being an Australian citizen as it is to know about the privileges?