

Teachers Notes

Our Story.

An Amazing, Hysterical History of Australia

Our Story is a mad-cap romp through the history of our nation. Leaving no historic stone unturned, Terry and Paddy tear from the Dreamtime to the present day at breakneck speed and in as much detail as you would expect when thousands of years are crammed into 50 minutes. *Our Story* is designed as a fun introduction to Australian History. It is loosely divided into 11 sections as outlined below.

1. The First Australians: the Aboriginal People

- The Rainbow Serpent
- The Dreamtime

2. The First Fleet

- The voyage: England to Port Jackson 1787-88
- “Rule Britannia”
- “Sailors Hornpipe”
- Convicts
- Botany bay
- Governor Arthur Phillip
- 26th January 1788
- King George III
- Port Arthur
- Colony
- Governor
- *Pemulway

3. The Six Original Colonies – later States

- NSW
- Tas
- WA
- SA
- Qld
- Vic

4. 1850's Gold Rush and the beginning of Australian Democracy

- 1854 licence dispute at Ballarat gold mines
- Eureka Stockade
- “Southern Cross” Flag
- Peter Lalor
- Government
- Democracy
- Elections
- Ballot Box
- Voting
- Immigration

5. Gold Rush to Federation (1851 – 1901)

Technology: Steam ships, Steam Trains, telegraph, morse code, electricity
Ned Kelly
Tom Roberts "Shearing the Rams"
Henry Lawson
Banjo Patterson
Swagman
"Waltzing Matilda"
1891 Drought
Australian Cricket Team
Victorian Football League

6. Federation 1st January 1901

Edmund Barton
Union Jack, Australian Flag
Aboriginal Flag
Women gain right to vote
Basic Wage
Military Service
Inventions
First Feature Length Film

7. 1914-1918 First World War (The Great War)

Australia allied to: Great Britain
New Zealand
Canada
France
Russia
USA

Against: Germany
Austria
Turkey

Gallipoli
"King and Country"
ANZACS
Infrastructure

8. Roaring Twenties

Queensland and Northern Territory Air Service (QANTAS)
Charles Kingsford Smith
Royal Flying Doctor Service

9. 1929 Stockmarket Crash & the Great Depression of the 30's

"SUSSO"
Walter Lindrum
Don Bradman
Phar lap

10. 1939 – 1945 Second World War

Australia allied to: Great Britain
New Zealand
Canada
Russia
USA

Against: Germany
Italy
Japan

Bombing of Darwin
Submarines in Sydney Harbour
Kokoda Track
New Guinea
North Africa
Vera Lynn "We'll Meet Again"

11. Australia Since 1945

Baby Boom
Immigration (Europe)
1956 Melbourne Olympic games (Dawn Fraser, Betty Cuthbert)
Television introduced 1956
Rock 'n' Roll
Teenagers
Vietnam War
1967 Referendum
Aboriginal Tent Embassy and Flag
Gough Whitlam - Prime minister 1972-75
Advance Australia Fair
Immigration (Asia)
1975 Sacking of Gough Whitlam by Governor General John Kerr
Bee Gees
Brett Whitely
Alan Bond / Kerry Packer / Rupert Murdoch / Christopher Skase
Paul Hogan
Kylie Minogue
1988 Bicentennial
1992 Mabo Case
John Howard - Prime Minister since 1996
Sydney Olympic Games
World Cup

Song: "We Are One"