

AUSSIE CLUE CRACKER



Aussie Clue Cracker Activity – Make your own
Australian Citizenship Affirmation

Make your own AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AFFIRMATION, customise and publish it

Outline	Inquiry approach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students develop an understanding of what the Australian Citizenship Affirmation is and develop their own customised version Students will gain an understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia (including Australia Day, Harmony Day, Australian Citizenship Day, ANZAC Day, NAIDOC week) and the importance of symbols and emblems (Australian Curriculum, History, Year 3, ACHHK063)</i> This is an individual and whole class activity. 	<p>ASK: Tune In</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce and discuss the inquiry question: <i>What is the Australian Citizenship Affirmation and how can I make my own?</i> Identify that the purpose of the learning is to build your students' understanding and appreciation of their place in Australia as Australian citizens. Although these are extremely difficult concepts for Grade 3 students to grasp, you might find it useful to work with your students to develop their understanding of what the Australian Citizenship Affirmation actually is and explore the differences between an affirmation and a pledge of commitment. Discuss with your students whether or not they would like to organise an event that involves them taking the Australian Citizenship Affirmation, or an event that involves them presenting their own customised Australian Citizenship Affirmations. Your students can choose either, or both, or could decide themselves how they would like to do this, such as designing and creating their own display within the classroom or a specific area within the school. (See the activity <i>Plan your own Australia Day</i> for more information on organising an event.) Encourage your students to find out more about the Australian Citizenship Affirmation (<i>Refer to Worksheet 1- Make your own AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AFFIRMATION</i>). Brainstorm with your students how you might organise the class to plan an event that involves the Australian Citizenship Affirmation. Discuss with your students how they might customise their own Australian Citizenship Affirmation to make it their own (refer to the examples from well known Australians included in <i>Worksheet 2 - Make your own AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AFFIRMATION</i> cloze exercise/poster). Throughout the tuning in process, encourage your students to share their ideas and explore with them what they would like to learn and know about through this activity.

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INVESTIGATE: Find Out

- Allow time for your students to review the sorts of organisational considerations they will need to cover in organising an Australian Citizenship Affirmation event of their choice for the class.
- Students could order affirmation cards and products from Australia Day Affirmation Cards and School Australian Citizenship Affirmation Ceremonies www.australianaffirmation.org.au and www.citizenship.gov.au/ceremonies/affirmation
- Encourage your students to discuss with each other what they would like to include in the event or ceremony, to allocate roles and plan a timeline.
- Read the examples in Worksheet 2 with your students and discuss the different interpretations of what it means to be Australian that are published in these examples.
- Discuss with your students how they might approach their own poster.

CREATE: Sort Out

- Your students will need to organise themselves and the tasks they need to complete.
- At this stage, it is time for your students to begin to develop their personal Australian Citizenship Affirmation (See Worksheet 2).

DISCUSS and Make Connections

- Encourage your students to make connections with what they have discussed in class, what their plans will be and how this connects with their own prior knowledge.
- As your students begin to shape their new thoughts and ideas, they should be refining their own Australian Citizenship Affirmation (Worksheet 2) and develop this into a learning artefact that shows their understanding of the concepts and ideas related to the inquiry question.
- Encourage your students to share their new ideas with others and to compare notes, discuss conclusions, and share their experiences with each other.

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EXTEND: Going further

- Further explore the concepts, interests and ideas and raise new questions and challenge any assumptions made particularly related to the reasons why people make an Australian Citizenship Affirmation.

REFLECT:

- Take time with your students to encourage them to look back at the question - *What is the Australian Citizenship Affirmation and how can I make my own?* – and encourage them to share what they know now.
- Ask them to reflect on what they have found out, the conclusions they made, the observations they took.
- Ask your students if an answer to the question was found and discuss any new questions that arose as part of the inquiry.

Resources for teachers

- Australia Day (National Australia Day Council)
www.australiaday.org.au
www.australiaday.org.au/toolkit
- Further information on the Affirmation can be found in the Affirmation kit, brochure, and resources available at <http://www.citizenship.gov.au/ceremonies/affirmation/>
- Order Australia Day Affirmation Cards and School Australian Citizenship Affirmation Ceremony supporting products
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- The electorate offices of Senators and Federal Members of Parliament have available (at no cost) *Australian flags* and *Australian symbols* booklets and recordings of the Australian National Anthem (CD and DVD). Flags are also available on request to eligible groups such as schools.
- Fact sheets on Australia's national symbols may be downloaded from www.itsanhonour.gov.au

Worksheet 1 - Make your own AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AFFIRMATION

Australia Day, 26 January, is our national day of celebration. It is the day we come together as a nation to celebrate Australia and being Australian. All new citizens make a pledge of commitment to Australia and a shared common future. The Australian Citizenship Affirmation can be held on any day, at any occasion, even during school assemblies. It is a voluntary statement of loyalty and commitment that can be made by all Australians as a special way to express our national pride and spirit.

On Australia Day, shouldn't we all?

*As an Australian citizen,
I affirm my loyalty to Australia and
its people,
whose democratic beliefs I share,
whose rights and liberties I respect,
and whose laws I uphold and obey.*

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Worksheet 2 - Make your own AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AFFIRMATION cloze exercise/poster

Fill in the blanks below with your own words, describing to you what Australia and being Australian mean to you. Have a look at the examples below to help get you started:



australia day
Celebrate what's great.

As an *...passionate...*
Australian citizen,
I *...respect the traditions and culture of...*
Australia and it's people,
Whose *...freedom and opportunities I enjoy and value,*
Whose *...humour and directness give us our unique character*
And *...without doubt it's the best place to raise a family.*

An Affirmation for Australia Day by
Ita Buttrose
President of Arthritis Australia
and Shoe Lover

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 **australia day**
Celebrate what's great.

As an *indigenous* Australian citizen,
I'm *sincerely* proud of my Australia *heritage*,
I continue to look forward *to* *ing* I share,
The *endless* love & beauty of this land I respect,
And *whose* *positive* *position* *between* *2* *wonderful* *oceans* makes it a paradise for all

An Affirmation for Australia Day by
TIMMY LITTLE
Singer, Entertainer and Owner of 7 Guitars

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Celebrate what's great.

As an Australian
World Surfing Champion,
I am stoked on
Australia and its people,
Whose laid-back attitude you've
got to love
Whose priceless characters I respect,
And whose oceans I'll always come home to

An Affirmation for Australia Day by
Jessi Miley-Dyer
World Junior Surfing Champion
and Justin Timberlake Fan


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Celebrate what's great.

As an proud Australian
who is no movie or sports star
The most important thing to
Australia is our 'fair go'
The friendships I share,
The chance to be
and do whatever we choose. I respect,
And no one can say
otherwise

An Affirmation for Australia Day by
Les Twentyman
Youth Worker with Open Family and
Western Bulldogs Supporter

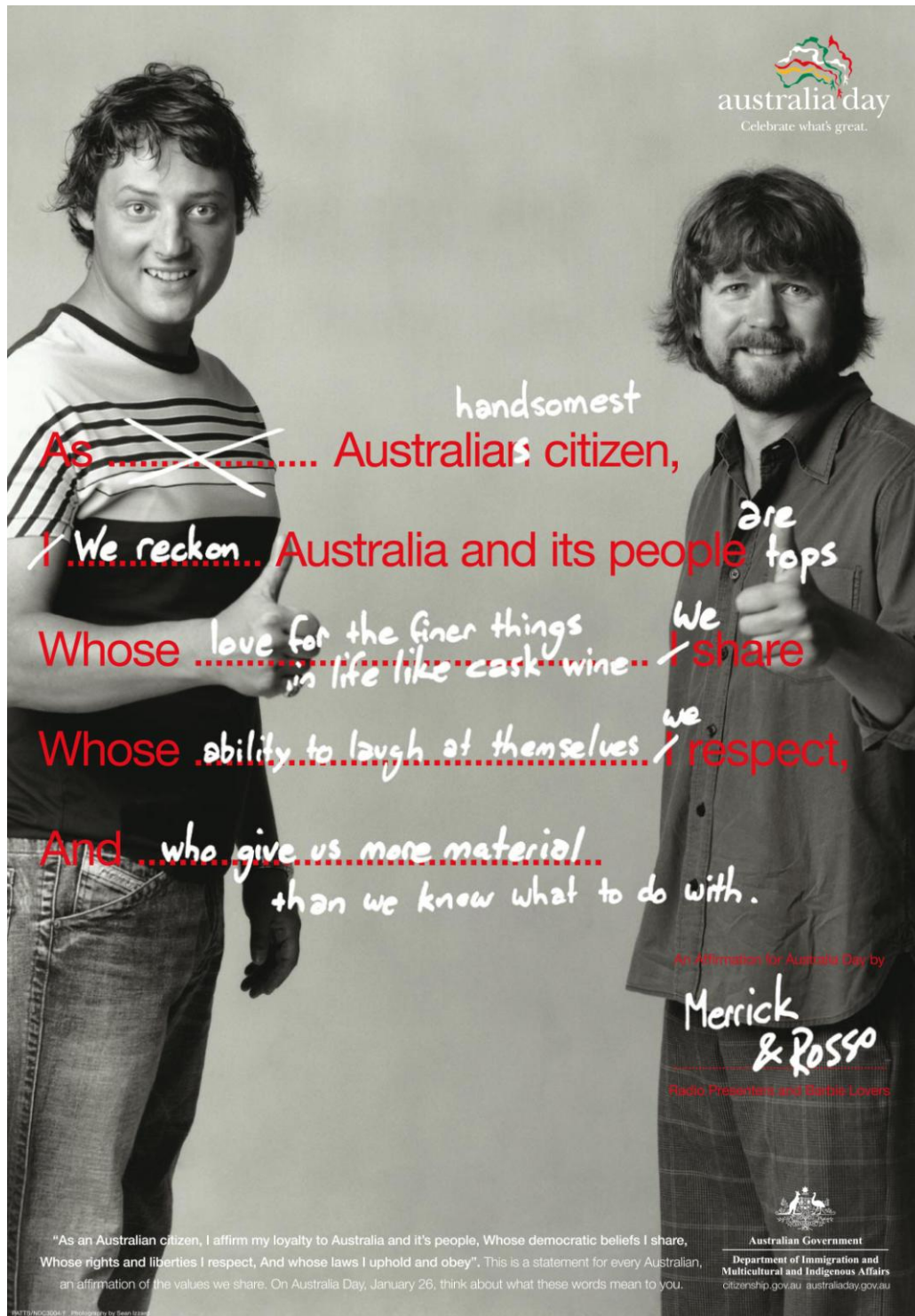

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Celebrate what's great.

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As ~~.....~~ Australian citizen,
/ We reckon... Australia and its people ~~are~~ tops
Whose ~~love for the finer things~~ in life like ~~cask~~ wine... / share
Whose ~~ability to laugh at themselves~~ / respect,
And ~~who give us more material~~ than we know what to do with.

As Affirmation for Australia Day by
Merrick & Rosso
Radio Presenters and Barbie Lovers

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Celebrate what's great.

As an *refugee* now Australian citizen,
I have found a new home with Australia
and it's people,
Whose *tolerance* I value,
Whose *diversity* I respect,
And in whose hearts I hope
will remain enough human
kindness for all.

An Affirmation for Australia Day by
Sosina Wogayehu
Circus Ce Performer
and Speed Typist

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A Customised Australian Citizenship Affirmation

As a _____ Australian citizen,

I _____ Australia and its people,

whose _____ I _____,

whose _____ I respect,

and _____.

Signed _____

Place a drawing or picture of yourself here