

AUSSIE CLUE CRACKER



Aussie Clue Cracker Activity – Create your own Australian postcard

Create your own Australian postcard – *an image of my Australian view from my window*

Outline	Inquiry approach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students create their own Australian postcard depicting an image of my Australian view from their own window, using symbols and icons to portray their message 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 Week, ANZAC Day, NAIDOC week) and the importance of symbols and emblems (Australian Curriculum, History, Year 3, ACHHK063)</i> This is an individual activity. 	<p>ASK: Tune In</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce and discuss the inquiry question: <i>What do I see from my window?</i> Brainstorm with your students what they see outside their own windows, and discuss how this relates to them being young Australians. Then introduce the task that they are going to design and develop their own postcard which depicts a view from their own window. They will need to adapt the 'view' to include some Australian icons and symbols, so spend some time discussing with them what this might mean and the different icons or symbols they might use (the flag, a kangaroo, a surf life saver etc). Motivate your students by encouraging them to further develop their understanding of Australian icons and symbols by playing the Aussie Clue Cracker game. <p>INVESTIGATE: Find Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage your students to gather information about symbols and icons that they might use from the Aussie Clue Cracker resource. At this stage your students may refine the inquiry question or follow a new path that the original question did not-or could not-anticipate. <p>CREATE: Sort Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your students then organise the information they have gathered and synthesise what they find out in the Aussie Clue Cracker. Introduce the postcard template in the Worksheet and discuss with them (1) the visual layout of the postcard and (2) what they might incorporate in it.

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DISCUSS and Make Connections

- As your students begin planning their postcards, encourage them to make connections with the information about icons and symbols that they gathered in the Aussie Clue Cracker with their own prior knowledge and their postcard plans.
- Your students will begin to shape their new thoughts and ideas and begin to develop the postcard as a learning artefact that they can share with others and to compare notes, discuss conclusions, and share their experiences.
- When their postcard has been completed, ask each student to present it to a small group or the whole class.

EXTEND: Going further

- Further explore concepts, interests and ideas and raise new questions and challenge any assumptions made. For instance:
 - Do we all see the same things from our windows? Why? Why not?
 - Ask them to consider how different students, depending on where they live or what backgrounds they have, might see different things and get them to discuss how this influences the way we see ourselves as young Australians.

REFLECT:

- Take time with your students to encourage them to look back at the question - *What do I see from my window?* – and encourage them to share what they know now. Ask them to reflect on how they used the Aussie Clue Cracker, what they found, 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

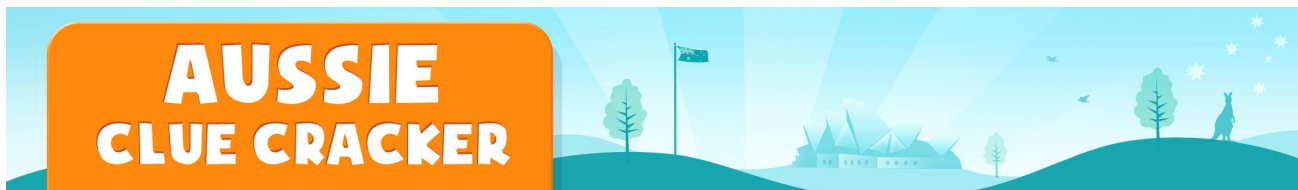
- Australia Day (National Australia Day Council)
www.australiaday.org.au
- The electorate offices of Senators and Federal Members of Parliament have available (at no cost) *Australian flags* and *Australian symbols* booklets and recordings of the Australian National Anthem (CD and DVD). Flags are also available on request to eligible groups such as schools.

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- Information on the Australian Coat of Arms may be downloaded from www.itsanhonour.gov.au/coat-arms/index.cfm



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Worksheet – A postcard template

Design and develop your own Aussie postcard using the template below to guide you. Remember you need to include Aussie symbols and icons while also describing a 'vision from your window'.

YOUR PICTURE – THE FRONT PART OF YOUR POSTCARD

What do you see outside your window?

Use your imagination!

You can draw, take pictures, create a collage.

But make sure you include some typical Australian icons and symbols to help you.

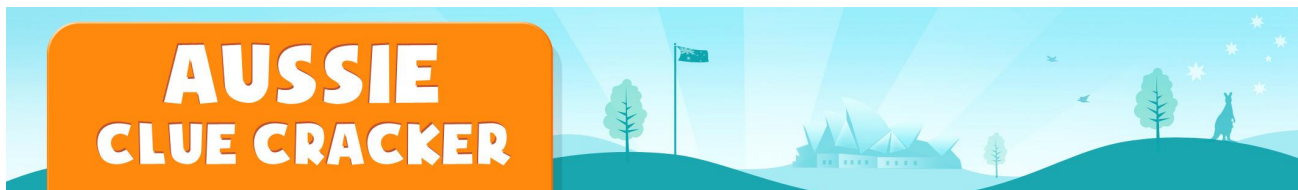
YOUR MESSAGE

Dear.....

Write your message here

Draw your
own Aussie
stamp here

Who are you addressing
this to?



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