



Teacher Resource

Young Senator

Focus Questions

Discuss the BTN High story as a class and record the main points of discussion. Students will then respond to the following:

1. What is the role of the Senate in Australian Parliament? Explain.
2. What is another name for the Senate?
3. How many senators are there in the Senate?
4. What do Senators do?
5. How do you become a Senator?
6. How did Charlotte Walker get involved in politics?

Activities

- Imagine you're a Senator. Choose an issue that you are passionate about and create a bill, proposing for a new law or a change to an existing law.
- Research one of Australia's 76 current Senators. Find out as much as you can about who they are, the issues they're passionate about, and any bills they've put forward. Present your information as a slideshow or poster.
- Turn your class into a Parliament using this resource from the Parliamentary Education Office [Make a Law: Senate toolkit](#). Divide the class into the different roles including the Senate, and discuss the importance of each one.

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KEY LEARNING

Students will learn about the role of a Senator, and what the Senate is in Australian parliament.

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