



Teacher Resource

Liberal Leadership

Focus Questions

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

1. Who is the new leader of the Liberal Party?
2. Who was the first woman to become the leader of the Liberal Party
3. Which two parties make up the Coalition?
4. What is a leadership spill?
5. What questions do you have about this story?

Activity: Class Discussion

Discuss the BTN Liberal Leadership story as a class using the following questions to guide discussion:

- Who is the new leader of the Liberal Party?
- Why was Sussan Ley's position as Opposition Leader challenged?
- Briefly explain the events leading up to the Liberal leadership challenge.
- What is a coalition government?
- The Coalition is made up of which two political parties?
- What is a leadership spill?
- What questions do you have?



What did the
BTN story make
you wonder?

What did you
learn watching
the BTN story?

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KEY LEARNING

Students will learn more about the recent change of leadership of the Liberal Party and find out more about the role of the Leader of the Opposition.

CURRICULUM

HASS – Year 5

The key features of the electoral process in Australia.

Sequence information about people's lives, events, developments and phenomena using a variety of methods including timelines.

HASS – Year 6

The responsibilities of electors and representatives in Australia's democracy.

Develop questions to investigate people, events, developments, places and systems.

Activity: Key words

Students will brainstorm a list of key words that relate to the BTN Liberal Leadership story. Here are some words to get them started.

Major parties

Opposition

Leadership

Opposition Leader

Coalition

Political party

Leadership spill

Majority

Ask students to write what they think is the meaning of each word (including unfamiliar words). They will swap definitions with a partner and ask them to add to or change the definition. Check these against the dictionary definition.

Activity: The Leader of the Opposition

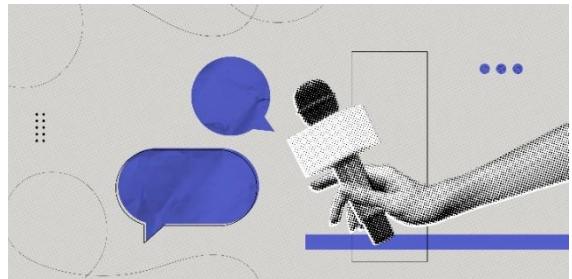
Students will find out more about the role of the opposition leader.

- Who is the Leader of the Opposition?
- How are they chosen?
- What responsibilities does the Leader of the Opposition have?
- Is the opposition leader a member of the House of Representatives or the Senate?

To learn more about the role of the Leader of the Opposition visit the [PEO](#).

Students will imagine they are given the opportunity to interview the new Leader of the Opposition. Their task is to write a list of interview questions that they would like to ask them. Students need to remember to write open-ended questions. Open-ended questions have no right or wrong answer and can't be answered with a 'yes' or 'no'. Things to keep in mind when writing interview questions:
What do you want to find out about the Leader of the Opposition?

What issues are important to them?



What makes a good leader?

What do you think makes a great leader? Brainstorm and list as many qualities that you can think of, recording your ideas. For example:

- honest
- good at communicating
- confident
- has a positive attitude
- commitment
- creative
- inspiring

Can you think of examples of good leaders? They can be leaders from a range of different areas, like science, politics or sport.

Useful Websites

- [The Liberal Party has a New Leader](#) – Newsbreak
- [Leader of the Opposition](#) – PEO
- [Opposition](#) – PEO
- [The Coalition is back together](#) – Newsbreak
- [Coalition Drama](#) – BTN