



Teacher Resource

Whitlam Dismissal

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. Briefly summarise the dismissal of the Whitlam government.
2. Who were the key individuals involved, and what were their roles?
3. Do you think it was right for the Governor-General to dismiss the Whitlam government? Why or why not?
4. How did people react to the dismissal of the Whitlam government?
5. What did the dismissal mean for politics and democracy in Australia?

Activities

- Do your own research on the dismissal and create a short video explaining what it was about.
- Test what you know about the dismissal, by taking a quiz on the [Museum of Australian Democracy \(MoAD\) website](#).
- Do you think the dismissal should have happened? Write an essay.

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KEY LEARNING

Students will learn about what the Dismissal of 1975 was about, and how it influenced Australian politics today.

CURRICULUM

[Civics and Citizenship – Year 7 \(v8.4\)](#)

[Civics and Citizenship – Year 7 \(v9.0\)](#)

[Modern History - Unit 3: Modern Nations in the 20th Century \(v8.4\)](#)