



Teacher Resource

Smoking Rates

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 are the dangers of smoking?
2. Why do you think Australia has some of the lowest smoking rates in the world?
3. What links are there between vaping and smoking?
4. Do you think raising the price of cigarettes further will lead to a reduction in smoking? Explain why/why not.
5. Why was the Australian government worried about its \$7 billion dollar fall in tax revenue from the sale of tobacco?
6. What other actions could Australia take to lower smoking rates?

Activities

- Research how Australia's smoking rules differ from other countries. Write a feature article.
- Investigate the short and long term effects of smoking. Design a campaign to warn young Australians about the health risks involved, as well as the social and financial impacts.
- Create a graphic, poster or short video about what's in a cigarette and cigarette smoke, and how it can impact our health.

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KEY LEARNING

Students will discuss the risks of smoking and explore what's being done to keep rates down.

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