



Teacher Resource

Women's History Month – Julia Gillard

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. Where was Julia Gillard born and where did she grow up?
2. What political party did Julia Gillard belong to?
3. What were some of Julia Gillard's main achievements?
4. What was Julia Gillard's famous speech called?
5. What is Julia Gillard's legacy?

Activity: Personal Response

Respond to the BTN Julia Gillard story as a class. Students will complete one or more of the following incomplete sentences:

- Julia Gillard is an important Australian because...
- It was interesting to learn...
- These are five words I would use to describe Julia Gillard ...
- This story made me feel...
- It is important to celebrate Julia Gillard because...

Activity: Class Discussion

After watching the BTN story, hold a class discussion using the following discussion starters.

- What did the BTN story tell you about the life of Julia Gillard?
- Name at least one of her achievements.
- What questions do you have about Julia Gillard?



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KEY LEARNING

Students will recognise and celebrate Australian women who have made significant impact on society.

CURRICULUM

HASS – Year 4

The diversity of First Nations Australians, their social organisation and their continuous connection to Country/Place.

HASS – Year 3 and 4

Pose questions to investigate people, events, places and issues.

Locate and collect information and data from different sources, including observations.

HASS – Year 5 and 6

Develop appropriate questions to guide an inquiry about people, events, developments, places, systems and challenges.

Locate and collect relevant information and data from primary sources and secondary sources.

History – Year 6

The contribution of individuals and groups to the development of Australian society since Federation.

HASS – Year 7

Construct significant questions and propositions to guide investigations about people, events, developments, places, systems and challenges.

Activity: Who is Julia Gillard?

Students will develop a biography for Julia Gillard. Begin by discussing with students what a biography is. What information is included in a biography and what does it tell us about a person? Students can use the following questions to guide their research.

- When and where was Julia Gillard born?
- What were some of her achievements? Choose one to explore in more detail.
- What inspired/motivated her to get involved in politics?
- What challenges has Julia faced?
- How are her achievements recognised?
- How has Julia made an impact on people's lives?
- What do you admire about her?
- What is Julia Gillard's legacy?



Interview

Imagine you could sit down and talk to Julia Gillard. What questions would you ask about her life and achievements?

Portrait

Create a portrait of Julia Gillard.

Explore and experiment with different techniques and mediums to produce a portrait.

Oral Presentation

Students will prepare a short oral presentation about Julia Gillard, speaking in the 'first person'. They will speak about her life, family, character, the decisions she made and why, and her impact and influence on society.

Activity: Julia Gillard Misogyny Speech to Parliament

In October 2012, Julia Gillard delivered a 15-minute speech in Parliament that became famous around the world. It was directed at Tony Abbott, then opposition leader, who had accused her of sexism. Watch the speech [here](#). Clarify students' understanding of what misogyny is then ask them to respond to the following questions:

- What message do you think Julia wanted people to hear?
- How do you think she felt while giving the speech?
- How did the speech make you feel?
- Why do you think the speech became so famous?
- Why is it important to speak up when something is unfair?
- Do you think it's important for leaders to call out unfair behaviour? Give reasons for your answer.



Useful Websites

- [Julia Gillard](#) - National Museum of Australia
- [Julia Gillard](#) – National Archives of Australia
- [Fierce Girls](#) - Julia Gillard – ABC Listen