

Teacher Resource

UK Prime Minister

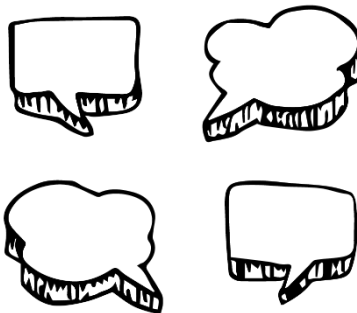
Focus Questions

1. Summarise the BTN *UK Prime Minister* story.
2. Locate the United Kingdom (UK) using Google Maps. Where is it in relation to Australia?
3. What three words would you use to describe the UK's newly elected prime minister?
4. Who was the prime minister before Boris Johnson?
5. Before Boris Johnson became prime minister what role was he best known for?
6. Complete the following sentence. Boris Johnson is the United Kingdom's _____th prime minister.
7. What is Boris Johnson's viewpoint on Brexit?
8. What do the people of the United Kingdom think of their new prime minister?
9. Name three facts you learnt about Boris Johnson.
10. What questions do you have after watching the BTN story?

Activity

Before watching the BTN *UK Prime Minister* story, ask students what they already know about the United Kingdom. Use the following questions to guide the discussion:

- Where is the United Kingdom (UK)? Find using Google Maps.
- How is the UK similar or different to Australia?
- Why has the UK been in the news recently?
- Who is the prime minister of the United Kingdom?



After watching the BTN *UK Prime Minister* story, hold a class discussion about the information raised in the story. What questions do students have (what are the gaps in their knowledge)? The following questions may help guide the discussion:

- What did you SEE in this video?
- What does this video make your WONDER?
- What did you LEARN from this story?
- What QUESTIONS do you have after watching the story?

Key Learning

Students will compare the systems of government in Australia and the United Kingdom. Students will learn more about the United Kingdom and create a profile.

Curriculum

Geography – Year 6

Differences in the economic, demographic and social characteristics of countries across the world.

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Australia's connections with other countries and how these change people and places.

HASS – Years 5 & 6

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

HASS – Year 6

The key institutions of Australia's democratic system of government and how it is based on the Westminster system.

Key figures, events and ideas that led to Australia's Federation and Constitution.

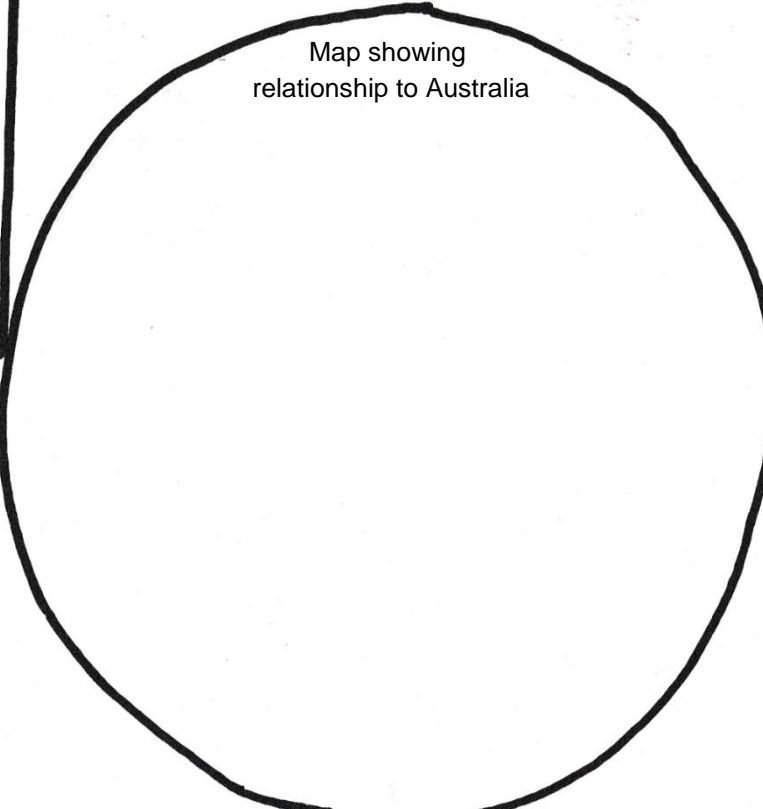
HASS – Year 7

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

Activity

Profile – United Kingdom

Students will explore the United Kingdom in more depth and use the following template to record the information they find.

<h3>Profile – United Kingdom</h3>		
<p>The people – major language, culture, customs and beliefs.</p>	<p>Population</p> <p>Area - size</p>	<p>What countries make up the United Kingdom?</p>
	<p>Government/politics – Who are the leaders? What is the system of government?</p>	
	<p>Geography – capital cities, geographical features, climate and environment.</p>	<p>Interesting facts about the UK...</p> <p>Map showing relationship to Australia</p> 

Activity

Compare and contrast

Students will conduct in depth research, finding similarities and differences between Australia and the United Kingdom, using the table below to help organise their information. As part of their research students will need to:

- Write down the name of the source of the information.
- Look for facts and opinions that answer their inquiry question/s.
- Write down in their own words, facts and opinions from the source.

Compare and contrast	Australia	United Kingdom
Geography Capital cities, climate, environment, area and population. Include a map.		
People Education, culture, customs, language, health, religion, beliefs and food.		
History		
Government – What is the system of government? Who are the leaders?		
Economy Work, trade, industries and products		
Further Investigation (choose one to research in depth or develop your own research question) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How would your life be similar and/or different if you grew up in the United Kingdom?• What connections does Australia have with the United Kingdom? How would Australia be different if we didn't have these connections?		
References <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect and reference primary and secondary sources (including photographs, newspapers, stories and maps). Consider using internet search engines, museums and library catalogues to find your information.• How useful were your sources of information?		

Activity

Systems of government

In this activity students will understand that key civic terms used in Australia (e.g. constitutional monarchy, senate and house of representatives) have been inherited from other times and places. Australia set up its first parliament in 1901. Compared to some parliaments around the world, Australia's is quite young, but it is based on practices and ideals from parliaments in centuries past.

Glossary

Before starting this activity, students will develop a glossary of words and terms that relate to Australia's system of government. Below are some words to get them started. Students will add words and meanings to their glossary as they come across unfamiliar words throughout their research. Challenge students by asking

them to use words from their glossary to write their own sentences. Alternatively, students can make their own crossword puzzle or word find. Refer to the [Parliamentary Education Glossary](#) for definitions.

Head of state	Head of government	Senate
House of Representatives	Westminster system	Houses
Constitutional monarchy	Governor-General	Written constitution

Similarities and differences

Students will research the systems of government in Australia and the United Kingdom and complete the table below.

Make comparisons	Australia	United Kingdom
Type of government		
Head of government		
Head of state		
Names of the two houses in Parliament		
Major political parties		

Further investigation

Students will choose one of the following research questions to explore in more detail.

- How was Australia's system of government influenced by the United Kingdom's system of government?
- Why does Australia have a head of state? What is the role of the monarchy in Australia?
- What processes and ceremonies take place when a new prime minister is elected in the United Kingdom and Australia? How are they similar or different?

Useful Websites

Boris Johnson becomes the UK's new prime minister – BBC Newsround
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49081103>

Brexit Deadline – BTN
<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/brexit-deadline/10925604>

Parliamentary Education Office – The Australian Constitution
<https://getparliament.peo.gov.au/the-australian-constitution/systems-of-government-in-australia-britain-and-united-states>

United Kingdom country profile – BBC
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-18023389>