

China Profile

Focus Questions

1. Locate China using Google Maps. Where is it in relation to Australia?
2. This year marks the _____ anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre.
3. Describe the 'tank man' image.
4. Ever since a revolution after the Second World War, China has been a _____ country.
5. Communism usually means the government has a lot more _____ over people's lives.
6. Why were young people protesting in Tiananmen Square?
7. What happened on the night of 3rd June?
8. How did the then Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke react?
9. How is information about Tiananmen Square controlled in China?
10. What questions do you have after watching the BTN story?

Activity

Before watching the BTN *Tiananmen Square Anniversary* story, ask students to make some predictions about what the story might be about. Students will compare and contrast their predictions with other classmates after viewing the story.

- What did you SEE in this video?
- What do you THINK about what you saw in this video?
- What does this video make your WONDER?
- What did you LEARN from this story?
- How did this story make you FEEL?

Hold a class discussion about the information raised in the BTN story. What questions do students have (what are the gaps in their knowledge)? The following questions may help guide the discussion:

- Where is China? Find using Google Maps.
- What is life like in China?
- Why has China been in the news recently?
- Clarify students' understanding of communism and censorship.

<u>What do I know?</u>	<u>What do I want to know?</u>	<u>What have I learnt?</u>	<u>How will I find out?</u>

Key Learning

Students learn more about China and create a profile of the country.

Curriculum

Geography – Year 6

The geographical diversity of the Asia region and the location of its major countries in relation to Australia

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

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.

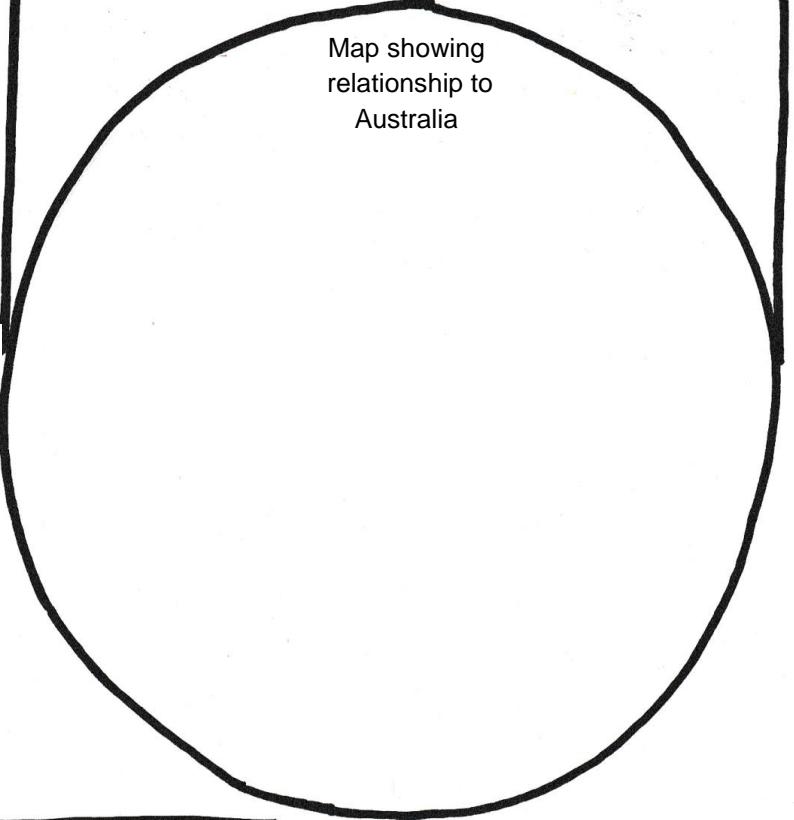
Civics and Citizenship – Year 6

The obligations citizens may consider they have beyond their own national borders as active and informed global citizens.

Activity

Profile of China

Students will explore China in more depth and use this template to record the information they find.

<h3>Country Profile - China</h3>		
The people, language, culture, customs and beliefs	Population	Government/politics – Who is the leader of the country? How is the country run?
	Area - size	Economy – education and work, trade, industries and products
Geography – capital city, physical features of the country, climate, environment.	Interesting facts about China...	
	 <p>Map showing relationship to Australia</p>	

Further Investigation

- How would your life be similar and/or different if you grew up in China?
- How would Australia be different if we didn't have any connections with China?
- Why is it important to learn about other cultures?

Activity

Visual Literacy

Students look at the Tiananmen Square 'tank man' image and respond to the following questions:

- What is happening in the image?
- Where was the photo taken?
- What do you think is happening?
- How does the image make you feel?
- What does the image tell you?
- What question/s would you like to ask about the image?
- Create a caption for the image.



[ABC News](#) - Reuters

Students watch the [short video](#) of young people in China looking at the banned Tiananmen Square 'tank man' photo and respond to the following questions:

- How did the young people react to the photo?
- Why do you think a lot of people ran away when Tiananmen Square was mentioned?
- What did the couple who didn't want to be identified say about the photo?
- What was surprising about the responses of young people?



Useful Websites

ABC News – Tiananmen Square 30th anniversary: How China erased iconic 'tank man' image for young people.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-06-04/tiananmen-30th-anniversary-young-people-dont-know-tank-man/11152324>

ABC News – China's automated censors crank up as Tiananmen Square 30th anniversary nears

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-05-27/chinas-ai-censors-ramp-up-ahead-of-tiananmen-anniversary/11151470>