



Teacher Resource

Vietnamese Arrivals

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. Name one thing you learned in the story about the Vietnam War.
2. Why did people flee Vietnam and come to Australia in the 1970s?
3. What was the Vietnam War like for Tamyen, Jackson and Kora's parents/grandparents?
4. How did the arrival of Vietnamese refugees influence Australian culture?
5. Why is it important to learn about the experiences of refugees?

Activities

- Using the National Museum of Australia's [classroom resource](#), summarise why Vietnamese people came to Australia in the 1970s. Then in pairs, discuss what you think it would have been like making that journey here.
- Watch one of the videos from ABC Education's [Journeys of Hope from Vietnam](#) and answer the accompanying questions.
- Write an essay explaining how Vietnamese arrivals have impacted Australian culture.
- In small groups, research and discuss the risks involved for the people who travelled from Vietnam to Australia in the 1970s.

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KEY LEARNING

Students will learn about the Vietnam War and how it led to tens of thousands of people seeking refuge in Australia.

CURRICULUM

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

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

[Geography – Year 8 \(v8.4\)](#)

[Geography – Year 8 \(v9.0\)](#)

[History – Year 10 \(v9.0\)](#)