

Episode 1 - The Australian Constitution

You can use this page to record some facts, your thoughts and ideas as you listen to the podcast.
(Don't worry about staying inside the boxes.)

What is the Australian Constitution?

When and how was the Constitution created?

Why might we want to change the Constitution?

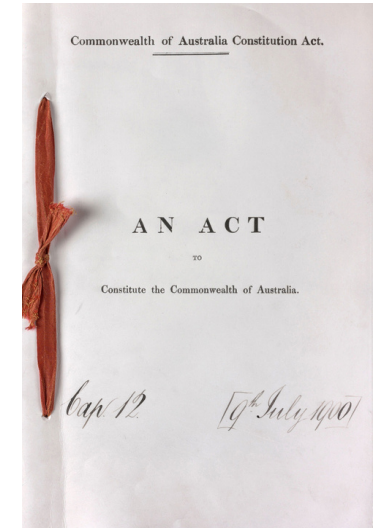
What needs to happen for the Constitution to be changed?



How well were you listening?

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1. What is the Australian Constitution?
2. In which decade was the Constitution drafted, was it:
 - a) the 1800s?
 - b) the 1890s?
 - c) or the 1990s?
3. How many states are there in the Commonwealth of Australia?
Can you name them all?
4. Which of these is NOT mentioned in the Constitution, is it:
 - a) the Monarch (the King or Queen)?
 - b) the states of Australia?
 - c) local government (local councils)?
5. In which year, when Australia was federated, did the Constitution become official?
6. How many times have referendums been held to try and change the Constitution, and how many have been successful?
7. The last referendum was held way back in 1999. What was that referendum about?
8. What animal is the faunal or animal emblem of the ACT?



Crafting Your Constitution

The Australian Constitution describes the values of the Australian people, how the country is run, what rights people have, the different responsibilities of groups and individuals, and how disagreements can be resolved. Work with your class, your family, or your friend-group to create your own constitution that you all agree to abide by.

What are your shared values?

What rights do individuals have? Is everyone equal?

What responsibilities do individuals have? Is everyone equal?



Who is in charge of what?
Does this change or will it remain the same?

How can people resolve their disagreements?

How can changes to your constitution be made?