



Australia: A national overview

In this activity, you will be exploring the historical context of the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and the laws that allowed those separations to occur.

Step 1: Note-taking activity

Read the *Australia - A National Overview* resource sheet.

While you are reading, make three dot points under each of the following headings:

Unoccupied land

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Early colonisation

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

The first laws which allowed for the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

The rationale behind the assimilation of Indigenous people

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____



Self-management and self-determination

1.

2.

3.

The Bringing them home Report and its findings

1.

2.

3.

Step 2: Paired review

Discuss the information you have discovered with a partner. Use your notes to inform your discussion and work together to clarify any areas of confusion.

Follow the procedure below during your discussion:

1. Decide who will take the roles partner A and partner B.
2. Partner A begins by recounting something interesting from the text and talks for 60 seconds, while partner B listens.
3. After 60 seconds 'switch' and change roles. Partner B cannot repeat anything said by A.
4. When partner B has spoken for 60 seconds, partners switch roles again. Now partner A has 40 seconds to continue the review. Remember - nothing stated already can be repeated.
5. After 40 seconds 'switch.' Partner B gets 40 seconds.
6. Follow the same procedure allowing each partner 20 seconds to recap.