

# Questions for discussion

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## Whitlam Legacy

- 1. In which year was Gough Whitlam elected Prime Minister?
- 2. How many years was he PM?
- 3. What changes did he make to health care and education?
- 4. What important decision did he make regarding Aboriginal land rights?
- 5. Gough Whitlam brought an end to conscription. What does that mean?
- 6. Name at least three other changes that he made.
- 7. Gough Whitlam was not popular with everyone. Why?
- 8. Who sacked Gough in 1975?
- 9. What do you think he will be remembered for? Explain your answer.
- 10. What do you think makes a good Prime Minister? Share your ideas with another student.

Check out the BtN *Whitlam Legacy* resource on the Teachers page <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm">http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm</a>

Do the quiz on the BtN website <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/btn/quiz.htm">http://www.abc.net.au/btn/quiz.htm</a>

#### Rabbit Restrictions

- 1. Discuss the issues raised in the BtN Rabbit Restrictions story.
- 2. Why are pet rabbits banned in Queensland?
- 3. What are the penalties if you are found to have a pet rabbit?
- 4. Why were rabbits introduced by European settlers?
- 5. What damage can they do?
- 6. Within two years, 2 rabbits can become \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What methods have been used in the past to get rid of rabbits?
- 8. How would microchipping and desexing rabbits help?
- 9. Do you think pet rabbits should be allowed in Queensland? Why or why not?
- 10. How has your thinking changed since watching the BtN story?

Vote in the BtN poll. Go to <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/btn/polls.htm">http://www.abc.net.au/btn/polls.htm</a>

#### Fire Fighting Volunteers

- 1. Briefly summarise the BtN story.
- 2. What does CFS stand for?
- 3. Describe the work that the CFS does.
- 4. How old do the cadets have to be before they can fight fires?
- 5. What is another word for `drill'?



- 6. What does the drill prepare the cadets for?
- 7. Why are CFS volunteers important?
- 8. Why do the cadets like volunteering for the CFS?
- 9. What do you think are the advantages of being a CFS volunteer?
- 10. How does volunteering benefit; the volunteer, the organisation and the community?

Write a message about the story and post it in the comments section on the story page.

### **Backyard Bird Count**

- 1. Describe the Backyard Bird Count.
- 2. How are the students recording their findings?
- 3. How long did they look for birds?
  - a. 10 minutes
  - b. 20 minutes
  - c. 60 minutes
- 4. Why is it important to know about native birds?
- 5. The survey is a citizen \_\_\_\_\_ project.
- 6. About how many of Australia's bird species are under threat?
- 7. What can cause a species to die out?
- 8. What are the kids in the BtN story doing to help look after native birds in their area?
- 9. Name something you could do to help native birds in your area.
- 10. What was surprising about this story?

Check out the BtN *Backyard Bird Count* resource on the Teachers page http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm

#### Gaming FX

- In your own words, describe what the kids in the Gaming FX story are doing.
- 2. What is your favourite video game? Why?
- 3. What sort of game are the kids creating?
- 4. Briefly explain how the kids created their games.
- 5. A green screen is also known as \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. How does it work?
- 7. Which animation technique are they using?
- 8. Give an example of a film that uses the technique.
- 9. Illustrate an aspect of the *Gaming FX* story.
- 10. Create your own video game character.

Check out Nathan's explanation of how a green screen works http://abc.net.au/btn/video/rookies/jargon-greenscreen.mp4

