

Questions for discussion

Episode 1
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The Knight's Kids

1. Briefly summarise the BtN story.
2. Who was recently granted a knighthood?
3. What is the Duke of Edinburgh award?
4. How has the Duke of Edinburgh award made a difference to Maddy and Mac's lives?
5. Who is Prince Phillip married to?
6. Why has Prime Minister Tony Abbott been criticised for granting Prince Phillip a knighthood?
7. Do you think it's a good decision? Explain your answer.
8. How might Tony Abbott's decision affect his role as Prime Minister?
9. What would you do if you took part in the Duke of Edinburgh award? Why?
10. How has your thinking changed since watching this story?

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

Manus Protests

1. Discuss the *Manus Protests* story with another student. Record the main points of your discussion.
2. Who is a refugee?
3. Until people are proved to be genuine refugees they're called _____.
4. What are the three main ways people seek asylum in Australia?
5. Why doesn't the Australian Government want people coming to Australia by boat?
6. Where are asylum seekers sent?
7. Locate these places using Google maps.
8. Where are genuine refugees being settled?
9. Why have detainees been protesting on Manus Island recently?
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

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Bushfire Escape

1. Retell the *Bushfire Escape* story in your own words.
2. Where does Ella live?
3. What was her family's bushfire plan?
4. How did Ella feel about leaving her house?
5. Where did Ella's family go?
6. Describe the support Ella's family got from the community.

7. How long did the family have to wait before they could go back to their house?
8. What damage was done to Ella's property?
9. What happened to her school?
10. How did this story make you feel?

Write a message about the story and post it in the comments section on the story page. Check out the BtN *Bushfire Escape* resource on the Teachers page <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm>

Australian Anthem

1. What is the name of Australia's national anthem?
2. Where might you hear it?
3. What was Australia's national anthem before Advance Australia Fair?
4. In which year did the Prime Minister decide Australia needed a new national anthem?
5. How was Advance Australia Fair chosen?
6. Do you think it is important to have a national anthem? Give reasons.
7. Why do some people think the national anthem should be changed?
8. Do you think the national anthem should be changed? Explain your answer.
9. Is it important for all Australian's to know the national anthem? Why or why not?
10. How well do you know the national anthem? Have a go at singing it.

Check out the BtN *Australian Anthem* resource on the Teachers page <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm>.

Should we change the Australian National Anthem? Vote in the BtN poll. Go to <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/polls.htm>

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

Heritage City

1. Why was Broken Hill chosen to be on the National Heritage list?
2. Broken Hill has been trying for _____ years to get on the list.
3. What other places in Australia are on the National Heritage list?
4. Name three facts about Broken Hill.
5. Broken Hill is also known as the...
6. What do they mine at Broken Hill?
7. Broken Hill was **not** the first city to be on the National Heritage list. True or false?
8. What does Neve love about living in Broken Hill?
9. What does Neve say makes Broken Hill special?
10. Illustrate an aspect of Neve's story.

Find out more about places in Australia on the National Heritage list <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-places/national-heritage-list>