

Questions for discussion

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What is an Electorate?

1.	At election time, people vote for the	who are running ir
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- 2. What is an electorate?
- 3. How many federal electorates are there in Australia?
- 4. How many square kilometres does the electorate of Grayndler cover?
- 5. Which is the largest electorate in Australia? How many square kilometres does it cover?
- 6. How are electorates worked out?
- 7. Who are electorates named after?
- 8. What is a safe seat?
- 9. Why do politicians spend a lot of time campaigning in marginal seats?
- 10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

Check out the Electorates resource on the Teachers page

Violent Toys

- 1. Discuss the Violent Toys story as a class. Record the main issues raised in the discussion.
- 2. What did a recent study find about Lego?
- 3. How many years has Lego been around?
- 4. Which country did Lego come from?
 - a. Sweden
 - b. Norway
 - c. Denmark
- 5. How has Lego changed over the years?
- 6. A recent study found _____ of all Lego kits contain weapons.
- 7. What did researchers say about other toys, video games, TV shows and movies?
- 8. Create a T chart that outlines the arguments for and against kids playing with toy weapons.
- 9. Do you think playing with toy weapons leads to violent behaviour? Why or why not?
- 10. Hold a class debate. Develop arguments for and against the issue.

Vote in the Behind the News online poll.

Indigenous Veterans

- 1. What was the main point of the *Indigenous Veterans* story?
- 2. Describe the book the school kids have written.
- 3. How did the students research the book?
- 4. Were Indigenous people recognised for their service in wars?



- 5. Complete the following sentence: During WWI ______ weren't allowed to sign up for the military.
- 6. About how many Indigenous people served in World War One?
- 7. Why was a ceremony held for Indigenous veterans recently?
- 8. How did the school kids help out at the ceremony?
- 9. What feedback did the students get about their project?
- 10. In your own words describe the role Indigenous Australians have played in wars.

Check out the Indigenous Veterans resource on the Teachers page

Bionic Boy

- 1. Discuss the Bionic Boy story with another student.
- 2. What disease was Riley born with?
- 3. What does Riley use to speak?
- 4. Which part of Riley's body can he control?
- 5. What does Riley say is the hardest thing for him?
- 6. What has Jordan created to help Riley?
- 7. Describe what Riley can do using the new technology.
- 8. Which piece of technology has Riley always dreamed of controlling?
- 9. Explain how Riley will control the car.
- 10. How did this story make you feel?

Do the quiz on the BtN website.

Women's Rugby

- 1. Briefly summarise the Women's Rugby story.
- 2. Which competition did the Women's Rugby Sevens win recently?
- 3. What is the name of the team?
- 4. How did Ellia get into the sport?
- 5. Apart from playing rugby, what does Ellia like to do?
- 6. How is Rugby Sevens similar to Rugby Union?
- 7. What are the differences?
- 8. Which big sporting event is the team preparing for?
- 9. In which year was Rugby Sevens included in the Olympics?
- 10. What was surprising about this story?

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

