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Hints and tips for the National History Challenge special category *Democracy Matters*

This year MoAD (Museum of Australian Democracy) invites students from years F-12 to research and create an entry that considers a contested story from the history of democracy.

Consider the ways your students could approach the Challenge

- Research a law, political institution, event, individual or group that impacted democracy and analyse its different historical interpretations.
- Entries are not limited to Australian democracy. They can include local, national and global events, places or people.
- Select a presentation format – refer to the National History Challenge website for full details. MoAD encourages students to submit a creative response.

Consider why it's important

- What effect did this law, institution, event or individual have at the time on Australia or the world?
- Has the effect decreased or increased over time?
- Is this law, institution, event or individual viewed as having had a positive or negative effect on democracy? Consider all perspectives when answering this question.

Put it into context

- What was happening in Australia or the world at the time?
- How did other groups or individuals react? For example the Press.
- What were the outcomes or implications of decisions and actions taken?
- Are there links to contemporary issues?
- Is there continuing relevance today?

Use at least one primary source in your research

- Clearly describe the primary source
 - What is it?
 - Who created it?
 - When was it created?
 - Where is it from?
- Why was this source created?
- How is it relevant to the theme?
- Does the source tell the whole story or is it biased?
- Use the primary source material along with other primary and secondary sources to give evidence supporting your entry

Start researching

A great place to start is **moadoph.gov.au/learning**

- Collection – Explore heritage objects and rooms
- Websites - Delve deeper into MoAD's unique collection
- Blog - Find some inspiration

Visit the National History Challenge website for full competition details
historychallenge.org.au