



Stories from the Bunker – Federation Medal

Focus questions

Below are some focus questions to accompany this episode. You can tailor these for your student cohort.

- 1) Can you read the inscriptions on both sides of the medal? Do you understand all the abbreviations? What do you think T.R.H means?

- 2) The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York (pictured on one side of the medal), have a special connection with Old Parliament House – do some research and discover what the connection is. (eg. Select correct answer a. the Duke later became King George V and his statue is in King’s Hall, b. The Duke and Duchess opened PH in 1927, c. The design of OPH is based on the Duke and Duchess’ castle in England).

- 3) The commemorative medal is not worth a lot in dollar terms, but why is it significant? (Why is it important enough to have been collected by MoAD – what is its story?)

- 4) Design a medal to celebrate Australia today – or to commemorate 200 years of Federation in 2101. What people or symbols would you use?

- 5) Research some of the diverse perspectives relating to Federation – which groups might celebrate it, or find it controversial and why?

- 6) Make a mini pop-up museum in your class of objects which celebrate important events in your life eg. school prizes, photos, souvenirs etc

Want more?

Other MoAD collection items:

MoAD has many medallions in our collection that commemorate and celebrate events in our country’s history. You can find more information about them on our [website](#):

“Medal Celebrating the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II”

<https://collection.moadoph.gov.au/objects/2010-0272/>

“Medal Celebrating Victory Day and Accompanying Letter”

<https://collection.moadoph.gov.au/objects/2010-0283/>

“Medallion commemorating the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games”

<https://collection.moadoph.gov.au/objects/2010-0275/>



Old
Parliament
House

"Two-Bob Medallion"

<https://collection.moadoph.gov.au/objects/2011-0116/>

"Commemorative Medallion from the 29th International Eucharistic Congress"

<https://collection.moadoph.gov.au/objects/2010-0261/>



Australian Curriculum 8.3 - Links

Year 5 HASS:

Civics and Citizenship

The key values that underpin Australia's democracy ([ACHASSK115](#))

How people with shared beliefs and values work together to achieve a civic goal ([ACHASSK118](#))

Year 6 HASS:

Civics and Citizenship

The key institutions of Australia's democratic system of government and how it is based on the Westminster system ([ACHASSK143](#))

The responsibilities of electors and representatives in Australia's democracy ([ACHASSK145](#))

The roles and responsibilities of Australia's three levels of government ([ACHASSK144](#))

The shared values of Australian citizenship and the formal rights and responsibilities of Australian citizens ([ACHASSK147](#))