



NEW SOUTH WALES

Investigations and source material



People and Places	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material and biographies
1. What was life like in New South Wales in the late 1800s?	Descriptions and photo of Sydney, 1881–90; extract from the Henry Lawson story <i>The Drover's Wife</i> .
2. How was New South Wales affected by the labour crisis of the 1890s?	'The labour crisis' cartoon, 1890; 'Waltzing Matilda' (original lyrics, 1895); photo of a swagman.
3. Who were some of the political figures from New South Wales that played a leading role in the Federation movement?	Biographies of New South Wales political leaders Sir Henry Parkes, Sir Edmund Barton and George Reid.
4. Who were some of the women in New South Wales who made important contributions to social and political change in the late 1880s and 1890s?	Biography of Louisa Lawson. (Additional material is researched by students.)*

Road to Federation	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material and data
1. What were the issues as the people of New South Wales considered whether or not to support Federation?	Extracts of speeches by New South Wales politicians; a New South Wales resident's letter to a newspaper editor regarding customs regulations; photo of a customs house, 'The Mongolian Octopus' cartoon, 1888 (see Useful websites re racism); leaflet, and extracts from suffragists' writings.
2. Why did the proposed structure of the Federal Parliament cause concern for New South Wales?	'We want a fair Federation' poster; population figures for 1899 and proposed representation of each colony in the Federal Parliament.
3. How did the views of Premier George Reid influence the people of New South Wales?	Extract of a speech by George Reid; 'The Yes–No Federationist' cartoon about Reid, (both 1898).
4. What happened in New South Wales at the first referendum on Federation?	Results of the 1898 referendum on the Constitutional Bill.
5. When did New South Wales decide in favour of Federation, and what contributed to the positive result?	Newspaper extract 1899; 'To the Australian Born' leaflet and 'Voters of NSW' campaign poster; referendum results data.
6. If you had been a New South Wales voter, would you have been in favour of Federation or against it?	Students use understandings gained through previous investigations.

Celebrations and Futures	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material
1. How was Federation celebrated in Sydney?	'Parade for the Inauguration of the Commonwealth' film clip ¹ ; map of Federation procession route; photo of the Commonwealth Arch. (Additional images may be accessed from the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House website.)*
2. What anthems and ceremonies marked the official beginning of the Commonwealth of Australia?	'God Save the Queen' lyrics; 'Advance Australia Fair' lyrics (version sung on 1 January 1901); film clip 'Signing oath of allegiance'. ²
3. How was Federation celebrated throughout New South Wales?	Extracts from <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> newspaper 2 January 1901, reporting on 1 January celebrations.
4. What images and symbols represent the spirit and importance of Federation?	'Federated Australia' drawing, 1900.
5. How can your community remember and celebrate Federation?	Students use understandings gained through previous investigations together with own ideas.

¹ <http://australianscreen.com.au/titles/inauguration-commonwealth/clip1>

² <http://australianscreen.com.au/titles/inauguration-commonwealth/clip2>

* See Useful websites in Teacher Guide