



QUEENSLAND

Investigations and source material



People and Places	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material and biographies
1. What was life like on the land in Queensland in the late 1800s?	List of station supplies, 1855; extract from Steele Rudd's <i>On Our Selection</i> ; photos of dwellings in rural Queensland, c 1870 and 1880.
2. Why were workers from the South Pacific Islands important to Queensland's development?	Extract about a sugar factory and the use of Polynesian labour in the sugar cane fields; photo of South Pacific Islander workers.
3. What were the characteristics of Queensland's mining communities in the late 1800s?	Description of Gympie and Cape River goldfields, 1860s; photo of Gympie goldfields, 1870s; photo and illustration of Chinese miners; extracts from <i>Northern Miner</i> newspaper and from a petition against Chinese working on the goldfields, 1877.*
4. Why did workers want fairer voting for the Queensland Parliament in the 1890s?	Extract about voting by Anthony Trollope, 1873; extract from <i>The Worker</i> on one-man-one-vote, 1891. (Student research on voting eligibility today may also be useful. ¹)
5. Who were some of the political leaders in the colony of Queensland in the late 1800s?	Biographies of Sir Samuel Griffith, Emma Miller, Anderson Dawson and John Macrossan. (Reference to the nine <i>Values for Australian Schooling</i> may also be helpful.*)

Road to Federation	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material and data
1. How did Queensland's regional interests affect attitudes to Federation?	Map of Queensland showing financial divisions, 1901; newspaper extracts on separation and Federation.
2. What were the attitudes of Queensland workers to Federation?	Cartoons 'The workers' design for a triumphal arch', 1900, and 'Barton defies the kanaka interest and cleans up Queensland', 1901; extracts from political speeches, 1899.*
3. Why didn't Queensland participate in the Australasian Federal Conventions to draft the Australian Constitution?	Extracts from debates in Queensland Parliament, 1897.
4. How were voters influenced during the Federation campaign?	<i>Brisbane Courier</i> report on meeting at Brisbane's Exhibition Hall, May 1899, including excerpts from speeches by leaders of the Federation movement.
5. How did Queensland vote in the referendum on Federation in 1899?	Queensland's referendum results by region; 'Provincialism' cartoon, 1899.

¹ www.aec.gov.au/FAQs/Enrolment.htm

* See Useful websites in Teacher Guide

Celebrations and Futures	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material
1. How was Federation celebrated in Brisbane?	Newspaper extracts describing the celebrations and official proceedings in Brisbane on 1 January 1901; photos.
2. How did Queenslanders outside Brisbane celebrate Federation?	Newspaper extracts describing celebrations in Toowoomba and Mackay; referendum results for these regions; photo from celebration in Townsville.
3. How did Queenslanders feel about being part of the new Commonwealth?	'On the new citizenship' by SW Griffith, reported in the <i>Brisbane Courier</i> 1 January 1901; 'A Federal Song' by George Essex Evans.
4. How should Queenslanders commemorate Federation now and into the future?	Students use understandings gained through previous investigations together with their own ideas and research.