



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Investigations and source material



People and Places	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material and biographies
1. What was South Australia like in the late 1800s?	Descriptions and photos of Adelaide in the 1890s; descriptions of Port Augusta, Strathalbyn and Palmerston, 1870–90s. (Students may access additional images from the Picture Australia website ¹ .)
2. How did newspapers in South Australia represent life in the colony?	Mastheads from <i>Frearson's Weekly</i> and <i>The Illustrated Adelaide Post</i> , late 1800s.
3. What impact did the construction of South Australia's Overland Telegraph line have on the colonies?	Map of South Australia and its Northern Territory.
4. Who were some of the political figures from South Australia that played a leading role in the Federation movement?	Biographies of Charles Cameron Kingston, Thomas Playford, Sir John William Downer and Sir Frederick William Holder. (Reference to the nine <i>Values for Australian Schooling</i> may also be helpful.*)
5. Who were some South Australian women that made important contributions to social and political change in the late 1800s?	Cartoon 'The Whisper of a "Shriek"', 1898; biography of Mary Lee; additional biographies researched by students.*

Road to Federation	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material and data
1. What were the issues surrounding Federation for South Australians?	Extracts from South Australian newspapers and speeches about defence, trade, rivers, the Northern Territory and the nation's capital, 1894–98.
2. What resolutions passed at the first Australasian Federal Convention addressed the issues that concerned South Australians?	Resolutions passed at the first Australasian Federal Convention, Adelaide, 1897.
3. Would the proposed representation for the new Federal Parliament be fair for South Australia?	Extracts from South Australia's <i>The Register</i> newspaper and a speech on the issue of State rights, 1897; proposed representation of each colony in the Federal Parliament; population figures for 1899.
4. What were the arguments for and against Federation that were put to South Australians?	Campaign poster from the Commonwealth League and flyer and summary from the Anti-Commonwealth Bill League.
5. What were the results of the referendums on Federation?	Breakdown of South Australia's referendum results from the <i>Adelaide Observer</i> newspaper, June 1898 and May 1899.

Celebrations and Futures	
Investigation focus questions	Primary source material
1. How was Federation celebrated in Adelaide?	South Australian newspaper extracts reporting on Adelaide's 1 January 1901 celebrations; photo of the swearing-in of Lord Tennyson as the first State Governor of South Australia; poster for Adelaide's grand Commonwealth continental concert.
2. How did South Australians outside Adelaide celebrate Federation?	Extracts from newspaper reports on celebrations in Palmerston, Petersburg, Watervale and Yorketown.
3. How was the spirit of Federation captured in South Australia?	Lyrics of 'The Song of Australia' by Caroline Carlton, 1859 (printed in <i>The Register</i> newspaper 1898).
4. How should South Australians commemorate Federation now and into the future?	Students use understandings gained through previous investigations together with their own ideas and research.

¹ www.pictureaustralia.org

* See Useful websites in Teacher Guide