



THE ARRIVAL



The Arrival, written by the incredibly talented **Shaun Tan** is the story of one man's encounter with life in a strange new world told entirely through illustrations.

This book is a must for all young people to explore, connect and feel **empathy towards migrants, refugees or displaced people** who have had to leave everything behind and make the journey to a new place.

Curriculum Links: HASS, Visual Arts, English, Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia (Cross-curricular priority)
Age Range: Year 3 - 6

ACTIVITY: CELEBRATING CITIZENSHIP

How can we welcome and celebrate new citizens?

These activities are designed to build empathy, encourage students to reflect and create connections with new citizens to Australia.

EXPLORE

Take time to **slowly look** and explore *The Arrival* focusing on at least one page from each chapter. Use the thinking routine **Stories** to support students discussions around the detailed illustrations.

What is the story?

What does the story make you think about?

What connections can you make with the story?

How can we make a difference in this story?

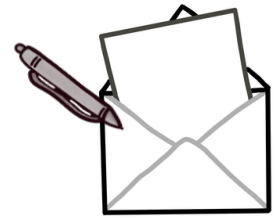
WATCH

Watch **Celebrating Australian Citizenship**. Invite students to brainstorm and share ideas of what they would like to include in welcome messages to new citizens.

CONNECT

Download the **Welcome Letter template** from the Department of Home Affairs website for each student to complete. There is also a planning template below.



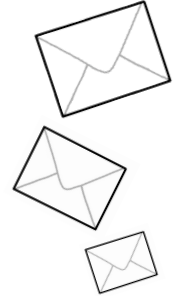


LETTER WRITING TEMPLATE

What will you say in a welcome message to a new citizen?

Introduction

Dear...



The details

What would you like a new citizen to know?
What are some of your favourite things about our country?

Conclusion

From...

