

Exploring Australia's Democracy at Old Parliament House – Teacher's Guide

Use these activity sheets alongside the Exploring Australia's Democracy at Old Parliament House videos created with the incredible team at ABC Education.

Write to Your Reps!

Use this resource to help students participate in Australia's democracy and discover who represents them in parliament.

Inspire them to share their voice by creating a letter of email to their local MP or Senator.



As a class, watch What Happens in the Senate?

Help students to learn about their representatives via the Senators and Members Directory.

If you wish to send out student letters, you can find the email and postal address for your representatives on the direcoty.



Write to Your Reps!

You don't have to be 18 to make change! Writing to your local Member or Senator is a powerful way to let your voice be heard.

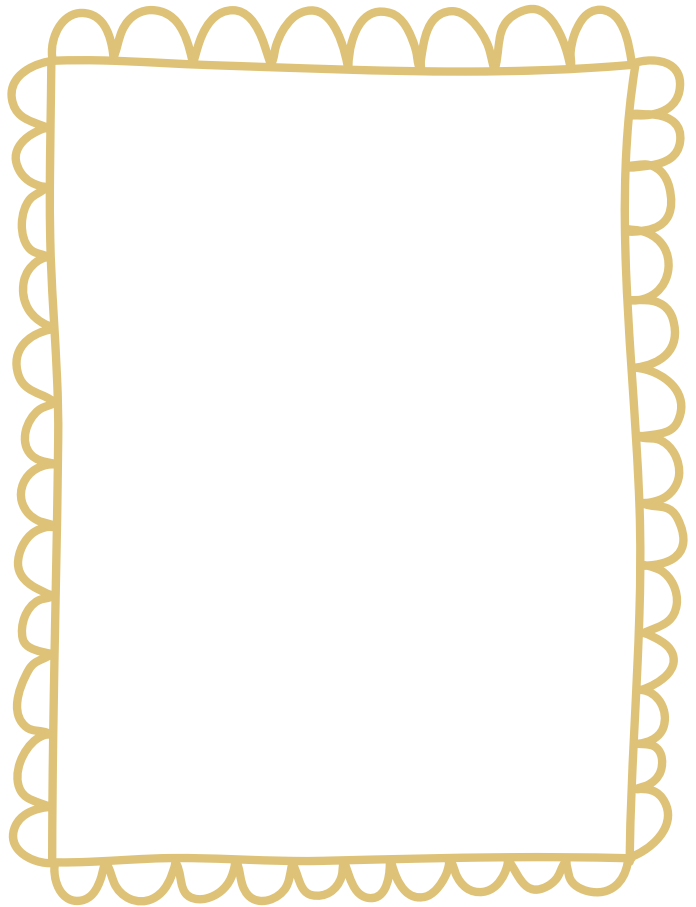
Pick one Member or Senator that represents you in parliament and find out more about them.

Research: What issues are important to your chosen representative?

Hint: Look at the about section on their website!



Draw an issue facing your community at the moment.



Reflect: What issues are important to you?

Write to Your Reps!

Choose one issue that you believe your chosen representative should focus on more?
Let's do some research.

Argue your key points:

Why should people care about this issue?

Hint: Think about who is effected by this issue.

Consider:

What should be done about this issue?

Use the next page to write a letter or email to your local Member or Senator.

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Create to Communicate!

Our words are not the only way to spread a message!

Posters, banners and paintings can be a powerful way to create positive change.

Use the space below to design an artwork that speaks to an issue you are passionate about.



Share your artwork
alongside your letter or
email, or display it in
your classroom for all
to see.

