



## We Are Australians Picture Book

### Learning intention

*We Are Australians* by Wiradjuri man Duncan Smith AO and Nicole Godwin, with artworks by Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung man Jandamarra Cadd, invites all of us to consider what makes us Australian.

### Activity overview

This activity invites students to reflect on and celebrate who we are as Australians and citizens. Students will share symbols which reflect our national identity and design their own equivalents to support a local identity.

### Materials

- *We are Australian* picture book
- A4 paper
- Pencils and markers.

### Activity outline

- 1 Read *We Are Australians* by Wiradjuri man Duncan Smith AO and Nicole Godwin.
- 2 Invite students to turn and discuss the following questions with the person next to them, reporting back to the whole group after each question.
  - What does it mean to be Australian?
  - What does it mean to be a citizen?
  - The book talks about rights and responsibilities. What might these be?
- 3 In small groups, divide a piece of A4 paper into six squares. Top row for national elements and bottom row for local equivalents. Encourage students to draw or write,
  - A national symbol
  - A local symbol
  - A national plant or flower
  - A local plant or flower
  - An important national place
  - An important local place.
- 4 Share the students' responses as a whole class.

### Extension activity

Read *Listen* by Wiradjuri man Duncan Smith AO and Nicole Godwin, with artworks by Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung man Jandamarra Cadd. Choose one illustration from *Listen* to take a closer look at. Invite students to carefully look at it, then share what they notice and say how it makes them feel.

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