



Centenary education

Gallipoli unit of work overview

Middle/upper primary

The Gallipoli campaign of World War I is perhaps Australia's best known military endeavour. In 2015, it is 100 years since Australian and New Zealand troops landed at what is now known as 'ANZAC Cove' and faced the formidable Turkish troops.

Here you will find a five-lesson unit of work commemorating this memorable and important event.

The lessons are aimed at students in years 5 to 7, but are flexible enough to be adapted for lower or higher year levels. While designed to be taught as a complete unit, they can be used individually to suit your students and classroom program.

Each lesson has an introduction, links to the Australian curriculum, learning outcomes, a list of resources, lesson steps and accompanying activity sheets (presented as PDFs and IWB files as appropriate). There are also additional curriculum-linked activities to extend your students' learning.

Each lesson has a distinct focus:

- Lesson 1: Introducing Gallipoli – through web research, students will discover interesting facts and information about Gallipoli.
- Lesson 2: The soldiers of Gallipoli – focuses on the soldiers who fought in the Gallipoli campaign and specifically, the hardships and difficult conditions they endured. Through the soldiers own words, students will discover what life was really like for the ANZACs.
- Lesson 3: The nurses of Gallipoli – considers the war contribution of an often forgotten group: the nurses. Students will discover the role that over 3000 Australian nurses played in the Gallipoli campaign and throughout World War I.
- Lesson 4: Symbols and traditions of ANZAC – students will find out more about some common ANZAC symbols and traditions, and reflect on why they have become so important.
- Lesson 5: ANZAC and the Australian identity – students will discuss the topic of 'identity', consider how one is formed and reflect on how the ANZAC legend has contributed to Australia's national identity.

