

ANZAC SPIRIT



Investigate the meaning of Anzac Day



WHERE, OH WHERE?

Find Gallipoli on a map of the world.

- What country is it in? Name two neighbouring countries.
- Find pictures of the Gallipoli landscape and describe it in your own words.
- List five differences between the environment at Gallipoli and where you live.

www.dva.gov.au



HEADS OR TAILS

Australian soldiers were famous for playing two-up, a game that involves betting on the toss of two coins.

But you don't have to gamble to learn about chance and data.

Toss a coin 20 times and record the outcomes.

- Did heads/tails fall evenly? Compare your results with those of your classmates.
- Work in pairs and toss a coin at the same time. In 20 trials how many times did you record two heads, two tails and one of each (odds)? What is the probability of tossing two of the same?
- Try the same thing in a group of three, then four. Do you see any patterns?
- Have each class member toss a coin at the same time and record the results. What happens in 20 trials?
- Write down three things you have learned about chance and data by tossing coins.



WAR MEMORIALS

Memorials such as cenotaphs, community halls and even swimming pools were built in many Tasmanian towns in the years following World Wars I and II.

- Find out when your local war memorial was built and why.
- Australians were suffering extreme financial hardships during the 1920s and 1930s, yet they raised enough money to build many war memorials of various kinds. Why was a war memorial such a high priority when people were out of work and struggling to feed their families?
- What do you think? Write 200 words explaining your view.

Everyone is welcome at their local Anzac Day dawn service (6am) and parade (11am) and it is advisable to assemble about 15 minutes beforehand.

www.anzacday.org.au/education/tff/memorials/tasmania.html

www.soldierswalk.org.au/



TRUE OR FALSE

Read the following statements about Anzac Day and decide whether each is true or false.

- 1) Anzac Day marks the anniversary of military action that took place during World War II.
- 2) The Australian states all first observed a public holiday for Anzac Day in 1927.
- 3) Anzac stands for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps.
- 4) At Gallipoli the Australian and New Zealand soldiers planned to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul).
- 5) The campaign was successful for the Anzacs.
- 6) Anzac Day now recognises Australians who have served in all wars.
- 7) Anzac services are held at dawn to avoid peak-hour traffic.
- 8) At Anzac Day services a bugler traditionally plays the First Post.

www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac

FLOWER POWER

Rosemary, laurel and the poppy are all significant in Anzac commemorations.

- Find out the meaning behind each and how it is used.
- Choose one of the three plants and make a reproduction of it using your choice of materials.

www.defence.gov.au/anzacday/
www.anzacday.org.au/



GO LOCAL

Find out about a war hero in your local suburb or town.

- In which war did this person serve and when?
- Why were they recognised by the local community?
- Is there a street or park named after a local soldier?

OR

- Women played a valuable role in wartime. How did they contribute? Research a woman who played a major role in World War I or World War II.



TASTE OF ANZAC

The Anzac biscuit was developed in response to a problem.

- Find out what the problem was, who faced it and how it was overcome. Include how the biscuits were stored for transportation to the soldiers.

- Why do you think Anzac biscuits are still popular today?
- Make a batch of Anzac biscuits at home or in class.
- Perhaps your teacher could buy a packet of Anzac biscuits from the supermarket so you can compare them with your homemade ones. Think about the colour and texture as well as the taste.
- Design your own Anzac biscuit label.

www.anzacday.org.au/miscellaneous/bikkies.html



FIRST AID AT THE FRONT

World War I soldiers suffered sickness and injury without the benefits of modern medicine and medical staff performed operations without present-day anaesthetics.

- Find out when penicillin was discovered and by whom.
- Find some facts on the history of anaesthesia. What three products were you surprised to find were used as anaesthetics in the past?
- Pretend you are a doctor or nurse during World War I. Write a letter home to your family in Australia describing what is happening and your working conditions. How can you make the letter look like it was written on the battlefields 90 years ago?