

Walking in Two Worlds: Context and suggested activities

Refer to the *Suggested Websites* document for links to websites to assist with the following activities:

Before listening...

- Understand the history of Aboriginal Missions in Australia and the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living on the Missions.
- Complete a timeline of legislation that affected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Provide an overview of the Immigration Restriction Act (White Australia Policy) and how it affected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
- What was the policy of Assimilation in Australia?
- Complete a timeline of major events on the Western Front.
- Mapping activity to understand the distance between Australia and Belgium, particularly the battlefields of Messines and Passchendaele.
- Map the location of Missions in Australia relative to major towns and cities. Why were Missions located in these places?
- How enlistment criteria was relaxed as the war dragged on to allow more men to qualify to enlist; especially how this related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men.
- Understand the powers of the 'Chief Protectorate of Aborigines'.
- Investigate the traditional burial rites of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

While listening

- Listening to the podcast could be a good extension activity for interested students or may be suitable for students with literacy challenges. The podcast might work well as an activity for students to complete when they have finished other set work, or as relief lessons.
- Use the provided image PowerPoints to provide a visual element. Print off the *transcript instructions for slideshow* for each Part. As you listen, move through the slides where indicated.
- Some students may benefit from reading through the transcriptions while listening.
- Students complete the *comprehension question worksheets* for Part 1 -4. If you would like a copy of the answers, please email schools.program@vwma.org.au
- Refer to the suggested *discussion questions* for Part 5, 6 and 7.

After listening...

Suggested research questions/activities:

- What were the attitudes of non-Indigenous soldiers who fought alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?
- How many people were killed or injured due to WW1 – soldiers from different countries and civilians?
- Find out about the service of people from different cultural backgrounds in Australia. How many served? How many were killed and injured?
- Who was David Unaipon and why is he featured on the Australian \$50 note?
- What is the dream time story of the Ngarrindjeri? Find out about the dream time story of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people where you live and go to school.
- Find out about the service of Uncle Major Moogy Sumner AM, and Uncle Frank Lampard OAM to the indigenous community.
- Find out about Uncle Gary Oakley OAM's military service and his work with Indigenous Veterans.
- What was it like for Allied POW's in German camps?
- View images and clips of the daily commemorative service at the Menin Gate.
- Where did the 43rd and 48th Battalions fight during WW1?
- Explore Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander connection to Country.
- What was the Stolen Wages Lawsuit? How did stolen wages apply to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers who fought in WW1 and their families?
- Discover more about the interwar Indigenous activism in Australia – Australian Aboriginal Protection Association and the 1938 Day of Mourning. Make links to the 2023 Referendum to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.
- Repatriation of Australian soldiers after WW1 - how were different cultural groups treated?
- What was the WW1 soldier settlement scheme and what parts of Australia were settled?
- Watch the *Behind the News* (BTN) segment 'Indigenous Anzacs' and complete the activities (see Podcast page for the BTN resources)
- What commemoration takes place to remember the service and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicepeople where you live?
- Complete biographies of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander WW1 servicemen who came from the groups in your area.