

Hints and tips for the National History Challenge special category *Have a Voice in Our Democracy*

At the Museum of Australian Democracy, everyone has a voice in our democracy. But does democracy make for a better world? Use these hints and tips to start your research for MoAD's 2017 National History Challenge special category.

Consider the ways you could approach the Challenge

- Select an individual or a community; an artist or a writer; an idea or an event; a discovery or an invention; a historical document, artwork or musical piece that has contributed to democracy here in Australia or the world
- Democracy is the voice of the people — what did this individual, organisation, event or document say or do?
- Select a [presentation format](#)

Consider why it's important...

- What effect did this individual, organisation, event or document have at the time on Australia or the world?
- Has the effect waned or increased over time?
- Is this individual, organisation, event or document viewed as having a positive or negative effect on democracy? Consider all perspectives when answering this question.
- What contribution does this figure/event continue to make to democracy?

Put it into context

- What was happening in Australia and the world at the time?
- How did other people react?
- What were the outcomes or implications of decisions and actions taken?
- Are there links to contemporary issues?
- Is there continuing relevance today?

Use at least one primary source in your research

- Clearly describe the primary source
 - What is it?
 - Who created it?
 - When was it created?
 - Where is it from?
- Why was this source created?
- How is it relevant to the theme?
- Does the source tell the whole story or is it biased?
- Use the primary source material along with other primary and secondary sources to give evidence supporting your entry

Start researching

- [MoAD Learning resources](#) – A great place to start your research
- [MoAD websites](#) - Explore more of MoAD's unique collection
- [MoAD blog](#) - Find some inspiration