

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

Participate in the National History Challenge with the Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD). This year we want you to consider a turning point in democracy. Use these hints and tips to start your research for MoAD's 2018 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- Select an individual or a community; an artist or a writer; an idea or an event; a discovery or an invention; a historical document, artwork or musical piece that has created a turning point in democracy here in Australia or the world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 – refer to the National History Challenge website for full details

### 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

A great place to start your research is **[moadoph.gov.au/learning](https://moadoph.gov.au/learning)**

- Collection – Explore heritage objects and rooms
- Websites - Delve deeper into MoAD's unique collection
- Blog - Find some inspiration

Visit the National History Challenge website for full competition details  
**[historychallenge.org.au](https://historychallenge.org.au)**