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Colonisation	Settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area.	When Australia was colonised by the British in 1788, Indigenous Australians were forced off their traditional lands.
Discrimination	Prejudicial treatment of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex.	Indigenous Australians have faced discrimination since colonisation.
Dispossession	The action of depriving someone of land, property, or other possessions.	Indigenous Australian communities have been dispossessed of their land progressively since 1788.
Marginalised	To treat a group as insignificant.	Indigenous Australians have been marginalised members of society, seen currently in their exclusion from the Constitution.
Oppression	Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or control.	Indigenous Australians were oppressed firstly by European colonisers and then later by governments.
Referendum	A vote used to approve a change to the Australian Constitution.	The 1967 Referendum allowed Indigenous Australians to be counted in the Census and gave control of Indigenous affairs to the federal government.
Reconciliation	The restoration of friendly relations.	The reconciliation movement is focused on promoting respect, trust and positive relationships between Indigenous Australians and the wider community.
Select Committee	A small legislative committee appointed for a special purpose.	There have been a number of Select Committees established to investigate a wide range of issues relating to Indigenous Australians.
Stolen Generations	Indigenous Australian children who were forcibly removed from their families between 1910 and 1970.	The Stolen Generations are a dark chapter in the history of Australia and something which caused significant harm to Indigenous families and communities.
Terra Nullius	A Latin expression meaning nobody's land.	Captain Cook declared Australia as terra nullius when he first surveyed the east coast in 1770.