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ACTIVITY 1 – UN DECLARATION

Look at the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
https://www.humanrights.gov.au/publications/un-declaration-rights-indigenous-peoples-1
and select one article.

1. Explain the meaning of the article in your own words.

2. Has the aim of this article been achieved in Australia? If so, explain how. If not, explain what needs to be done.

3. How does/can this article help support the process of reconciliation?
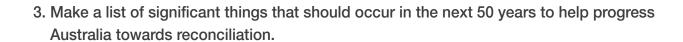
ACTIVITY 2 – CURRENT ISSUES

Read the 'Current Issues' (page 21) section of the fact book and complete the activities that follow.

1. Use the table below to analyse the Closing the Gap agenda.

AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT	HAS THERE BEEN ANY PROGRESS? IF SO, WHAT?	WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ACHIEVE MORE PROGRESS?
Health and Mortality		
Education		
Employment		

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2. What is the most prevalent form of homelessness among Indigenous Australians? Why might this be the case?

3. Make a list of significant things that should occur in the next 50 years to help progress Australia towards reconciliation.

4. Choose one of these things and explain how it will help progress Australia towards reconciliation.

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ACTIVITY 3 – THE STATE OF RECONCILIATION

The State of Reconciliation in Australia Report

https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/State-of-Reconciliation-Report_SUMMARY.pdf

analyses the country's progress towards Reconciliation.

Read through pages 8-15 of the report. Write an extended response arguing the extent to which you agree with the following statement, using evidence from the report to support your argument.

"While the Reconciliation movement is positive, there is still much work to be done to achieve real Reconciliation with Indigenous Australians."

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ACTIVITY 4 – SOCIAL COHESION

Briefly explain the five aspects of social cohesion identified in the Scanlon Monash Index

https://scanlonfoundation.org.au/social-cohesion-pillars/

Belonging:

Social Justice and Equity:

Participation:

Acceptance and Rejection Legitimacy:

Worth:

When social cohesion isn't present, some members of society experience social isolation. Referencing the five aspects of social cohesion, plus what you know about Indigenous Australians, explain why Indigenous Australians may experience social isolation in modern Australia.

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Responses to these questions will vary depending on which article students choose.

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Health and Mortality	Indigenous mortality rates have declined by 14% since 1998, but the gap has not closed. On the other hand, the Indigenous child mortality rate has declined by 35% and the gap has narrowed by 32%.	Students may come up with a variety of different responses.
Education	Around 91% of Indigenous children are now enrolled in early childhood programs. The proportion of Indigenous 20-24 year olds who had achieved year 12 or equivalent to 65.3% in 2016. The gap has narrowed.	Students may come up with a variety of different responses.
Employment	Indigenous employment rates have fallen slightly over the past decade.	Students may come up with a variety of different responses.

2. What is the most prevalent form of homelessness among Indigenous Australians? Why might this be the case?
   The most prevalent form of homelessness among Indigenous Australians is people living in severely crowded dwellings. This is most likely a reflection of the Indigenous system of kinship, whereby a large number of people are considered to be family.

3. Make a list of significant things that should occur in the next 50 years to help progress Australia towards reconciliation.
   Student responses will vary – ensure the things they bring up are relevant and achievable.

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Shared values, identification with Australia and trust. This domain measures indication of pride in the Australia way of life and culture; sense of belonging; importance of maintaining Australian way of life and culture.

Social Justice and Equity:

Evaluation of national policies. This domain measures views on the adequacy of financial support for people on low incomes; the gap between high and low incomes; Australia as a land of economic opportunity; trust in the Australian government.

Participation:

Voluntary work, political and cooperative involvement.

Acceptance and Rejection Legitimacy:

Experience of discrimination, attitudes towards minorities and newcomers.

Worth:

Life satisfaction, happiness and future expectations.