

Research Australian electorates

Select 3 electorates (your own, an electorate from another state or territory and an electorate that is either larger or smaller than your own) and fill in the table below.

ELECTORATE NAME	SIZE	LOCATION	POPULATION	TOP 3 OCCUPATIONS	TOP 3 AGE GROUPS	NAME DERIVATION (WHY DID THEY CALL THE ELECTORATE BY THIS NAME?)

A secular and multi-faith society

SECULAR	MULTI-FAITH
DEFINITION: Of or relating to the world, or to things not religious, sacred or spiritual.	DEFINITION: Involving, relating to, or made up of people of more than one religion.
Provide 5 examples of secular groups in Australia: E.g. Netball Association 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____	Provide 5 examples of different faith groups in Australia: E.g. Catholic Church 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

In your small groups compare and contrast the Australian Citizenship Pledge to the oaths from Canada, Philippines and Russia. What similarities are there? What differences? What do the oaths tell us about the values of the country? Be prepared to report your findings to the class.

AUSTRALIA

Australian Citizenship Pledge

*From this time forward,
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its
people,
whose democratic beliefs I share,
whose rights and liberties I respect, and
whose laws I will uphold and obey.*

CANADA

Oath of Citizenship

*I swear (or affirm)
That I will be faithful
And bear true allegiance
To His Majesty
King Charles the Third
King of Canada
His Heirs and Successors
And that I will faithfully observe
The laws of Canada
Including the Constitution
Which recognizes and affirms
The Aboriginal and treaty rights of
First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples
And fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen.*

PHILIPPINES

Oath of Allegiance

*I, (please state your name), solemnly swear
that I will support and defend the
Constitution of the Republic of the
Philippines and obey the laws and legal
orders promulgated by the duly constituted
authorities of the Philippines; and I hereby
declare that I recognize and accept the
supreme authority of the Philippines and will
maintain true faith and allegiance thereto;
and that I impose this obligation upon
myself voluntarily without mental reservation
or purpose of evasion.*

RUSSIA

Oath of Allegiance

*"I, (full name), hereby accepting citizenship
of the Russian Federation, voluntarily and
consciously swear an oath to observe the
Constitution and laws of the Russian
Federation, the rights and freedoms of its
citizens; to fulfill the duties of a Russian
citizen for the benefit of the state and
society; to protect the freedom and
independence of the Russian Federation; to
be faithful to Russia, and to respect its
culture, history and traditions."*

Celebrating citizenship stories

Watch the *Celebrating citizenship* video and complete the following table.

CELEBRATING CITIZENSHIP STORIES	
Name of new citizen.	
Why do you think this person wanted to be an Australian citizen?	
How has this person helped their community since becoming a citizen?	
What Australian values do you see in their actions?	
Why do you think this person was chosen for a citizenship story? (for example, how does their story promote Australian values and social cohesion?)	