

Vietnamese Migration

Australian Curriculum: Stage 5 – The Modern World and Australia – Depth Study 3 (The Globalising World) – Migration experiences (1945-present)

Australian Curriculum - Content

ACDSEH146: The impact of at least ONE world event or development and its significance for Australia, such as the Vietnam War and Indochinese refugees

Australian Curriculum – Historical Skills

ACHHS188: Process and synthesise information from a range of sources for use as evidence in an historical argument

ACHHS192: Develop texts, particularly descriptions and discussions that use evidence from a range of sources that are referenced

NSW Syllabus: Stage 5 – The Globalising World – Topic 5c: Migration Experiences (1945-present)

NSW Syllabus – Outcomes

HT5-1: Explains and assesses the historical forces and factors that shaped the modern world and Australia

HT5-3: Explains and analyses the motives and actions of past individuals and groups in the historical contexts that shaped the modern world and Australia

HT5-4: Explains and analyses the causes and effects of events and developments in the modern world and Australia

Assumed Knowledge?

Background knowledge of the Vietnamese War

Key Inquiry Questions

Why is the influx of refugees from Indochina in the 1970s and 1980s significant in Australian history?

Time:	Activity overview:	Resources:
<p>Minimum: 2 x 40m lessons + homework time</p>	<p>Students use the Dictionary of Sydney article 'Vietnamese' and the other resources listed to research the following inquiry questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why were there a large number of refugees coming from Vietnam and Cambodia during the late 70s and early 80s? • What was the dominant immigration policy in Australia prior to the mid 1970s? • Why were so many Vietnamese accepted into Australia after 1975? • What impact did Vietnamese migration have on Australia in the decades that followed 1975? <p>Students design one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A museum exhibition on Vietnamese immigration in the 1970s and 80s • A human interest story for newspaper based on the life of a (fictional) Vietnamese person who immigrated to Australia in the 1970s • A transcript of a radio/tv interview with a (fictional) Vietnamese person who immigrated to Australia in the 1970s • A presentation to a government body from the perspective of charity looking to secure funding to continue supporting immigrants from Vietnam, set in the 1980s 	<p>Dictionary of Sydney article:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnamese - http://dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/vietnamese <p>Other institutions' resources:</p> <p>Short film clip (04:52) from australianscreen of the story of a Vietnamese refugee's journey with her red suitcase, which is now at the Immigration Museum in Melbourne, in 1978 - http://aso.gov.au/titles/documentaries/cuc-lams-suitcase/clip1/</p> <p>ABC's 80 days that changed our lives film clip (04:28) on the White Australia policy discussing the end of the White Australia Policy and Vietnamese migration after the Vietnam War and attitudes at the time - http://www.abc.net.au/archives/80days/stories/2012/01/19/3415230.htm</p> <p>Splash ABC's digibook on The Immigration Restriction Act of 1901, later to be known as the White Australia Policy - http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/digibook/613054/the-white-australia-policy</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A short documentary on a Vietnamese family's migration experience in the 1970s <p>For all of the above, demonstrating a response to the key inquiry question (Why is the influx of refugees from Indochina in the 1970s and 1980s significant in Australian history?) should guide students' work.</p> <p>ALL final pieces of work should include at least one primary source</p> <p>ALL final pieces of work should contain information on why migration occurred, the responses in Australia to this migrant group, the challenges faced by this migrant group, and the changes to society this migration brought about.</p>	<p>Australian Institute of Family Studies publication from December 1995 on Vietnamese-Australian families (by Vuong Nguyen and Mai Ho) - https://aifs.gov.au/publications/families-and-cultural-diversity-australia/10-vietnamese-australian-families</p>
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