

Australians Together Learning Framework

5 KEY IDEAS TO INFORM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ABOUT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PERSPECTIVES

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The Wound	Our History	Why Me?	Our Cultures	My Response

GOAL: TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WILL:

GOAL	empathise with the reason why many Indigenous people experience injustice and disadvantage;	acknowledge how our shared past continues to have an impact on our present context;	appreciate the interconnectedness of Australians and take personal responsibility for attitudes and behaviours towards Indigenous people and culture;	value and respect Indigenous people through an understanding of the importance of culture;	actively respond in respectful and meaningful ways in both personal and professional lives;
UNDERSTANDING	understand that a lack of awareness and acts of injustice lead to pain and disadvantage; and	understand that history continues to have an impact in the present; and	understand that actions derive from worldview and attitudes; and	understand that knowledge of personal identity and culture will build empathy with others; and	understand that respectful relationships and connections reduce Indigenous injustice and disadvantage; and
ESSENTIAL QUESTION	will keep asking: <i>Why are many Indigenous Australians experiencing disadvantage and injustice?</i>	will keep asking: <i>How does our history continue to affect us today?</i>	will keep asking: <i>What does this have to do with me?</i>	will keep asking: <i>Why are culture and identity important?</i>	will keep asking: <i>How can I respond respectfully and meaningfully?</i>