Robert Menzies Institute

Topic: Australia's involvement in World War Two (1939-1941)

Learning Intentions:

- ·To identify the motivations and nature of Australia's involvement in WW2
- ·To evaluate the significance of events in Australia's early involvement in WW2

Task 1: Timeline

Create a timeline of 10 key events from 1939-1941 that relate to Australia's entry and involvement in World War Two.

1939______1941

Suggested Information to include:

- Date of Australia's entry to WW2
- Events involving Australian troops in conflict
- Change in Australian Prime Minister
- Decisions made by the Menzies Government
- Key events on the Australian home front
- Key events in World War Two (Europe + Asia)

Task 2: Historical Significance

- Choose the 3 most important events of your timeline from 1939-1941
- Rank them in order of their impact on the Australian war effort
- Justify your 3 selections
- Compare your decisions with others in their class

Australian Prime Minister Robert
Menzies in September 1939,
broadcasting to the nation the
news of the outbreak of World
War Two
[Source: National Archives of
Australia]



Event 1:	
Justification	
Event 2:	
Justification:	
Event 3:	
Justification:	