



1. Source analysis task

Access 'The Issue is Socialism' article by Robert Menzies which can be found here. (Socialism and the election – article by Robert Menzies | naa.gov.au)

- <https://www.naa.gov.au/students-and-teachers/learning-resources/learning-resource-themes/government-and-democracy/prime-ministers-and-politicians/socialism-and-election-article-robert-menzies>

This was published on 9 December 1949 by the Melbourne Herald newspaper the night before the election on 10 December 1949. Once completed with the article:

work in pairs to complete the table by identifying:

- At least one key belief which Menzies had about socialism in Australia.
- At least two arguments made by Menzies to persuade people to vote for the Liberal party.
- Include direct evidence from the article, i.e., the exact words used by Menzies. (Quote him!).

(Find table on the following page)

Key belief	Quote supporting this belief
Persuasive arguments used by Menzies	Quote from article

2. Research Task

Read the information under the heading 'The 1951 referendum' and conduct independent research on the topic and then complete ONE of the following activities:


A.


- Create a 'YES' vote and a 'NO' vote poster for each side of the referendum campaign.
- Present posters to the class, explaining the elements of each poster to persuade the viewers to vote either 'YES' or 'NO.'


B.

- Form two groups, one 'Yes' group and one 'NO' group.
- Everyone make a simple 'protest rally' style sign which shows what they think is the most compelling reason to vote yes or no, depending on the group.
- In each group work together to write a campaign speech for one person to deliver, arguing for their position in the referendum.
- While they deliver the speech, other members stand behind them with the protest signs and support them with cheers and applause.

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