

Menzies' 'Great Enterprise': post-war immigration to Australia

Classroom Activities



Source analysis task:

Listen to Menzies' speech given to the Citizenship Convention in Canberra on 22 January 1958, which can be found here: (<https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-222143401/listen>)

Once the speech has been listened to in full:

- Examine the table provided below with its sample answer.
- Find a partner to work in pairs to complete the table by identifying three to five key beliefs which Menzies had about immigration to Australia.
- Include the direct evidence that Menzies held the belief, i.e., the exact words he used in the speech. (Quote him!).
- Note the time stamp for each quote.

Developing the skill of Historical sources as evidence
Analyse and corroborate sources and evaluate their accuracy (VCHS123)

Key belief:	Quote supporting this belief:	Time stamp in speech
Australians support the arrival of immigrants	"immigration on a great scale enjoys overwhelming support"	5:30 mins

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