



Enhancing the News

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Celebrating Multiculturalism

Harmony Day, held annually on March 21, highlights the success of Australia as a culturally and ethnically diverse country united by common values. This day coincides with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination that calls for the international community to work towards the abolition of all forms of racism.

Encourage students to discuss the issue of racial discrimination, examine Australia's diversity and celebrate our country's multiculturalism.

The [Learning to say no to racism](#) feature article discusses the 'Racism. No Way!' campaign, developed to assist students in Australian schools in recognising and countering racism. The [New Faces Old Fears](#) study guide supports the documentary that looks at the immigration debate and contemporary New Zealand's race relations. The [Everyday Brave](#) study guide partners the television series that profiles Indigenous Australians who have struggled against discrimination and ignorance to make a difference.

[Behind the News: Cultural Identity](#) explores the different ways in which countries view themselves and others, and [Behind the News Specials: Your Society](#) helps students to learn and think about aspects of individual and group identity.

[Australia Deliberates: Muslims and Non-Muslims in Australia](#) examines Australia's attitudes to Muslims and their culture and values. [Difference of Opinion: Australia and Islam - A Collision Course?](#) focuses on Islam and the impact of Muslims in Australian society. While [Insight: Culture Test](#) talks about what it means when cultures collide within families and within the broader Australian community, [Insight: Asking For It](#) debates the way Islamic culture is viewed by other Australians.

[Insight: Aussie Rules](#) looks at "Australian values" in modern society, and [The Sounds of Aus](#) chronicles the peculiarities of the Australian accent and investigates the complex nature of national identity. ([Study guide](#) available)

[Compass: Cronulla to Kokoda](#) witnesses the transformation of a 16-year-old Muslim-Australian boy who, after committing an act that caused widespread outrage, took part in an experience that changed his life. [Australian Rules](#) tells the story of an adolescent boy struggling with family conflicts and inter-racial turmoil. ([Study guide](#) available) [Donkey in Lahore](#) offers a fascinating insight into the joys and difficulties of establishing and maintaining a cross-cultural relationship. ([Study guide](#) available)

Race: The Power of an Illusion series confronts myths about race and reveal how they retain their power. Episodes include: [The Difference Between Us - Ep 1 of 3](#), [The Story We Tell - Ep 2 of 3](#), and [The House We Live In - Ep 3 of 3](#). [Cutting Edge: White Terror](#) examines 'skinheads', hate and racism, and looks at the role globalization and digital communications play in racism. The [As It Happened: Citizen King](#) complete series reflects on the final years of Martin Luther King's life, the man who proclaimed his vision of a nation free of racism.

For a comprehensive list of the resources available from Enhance related to this global issue, visit the [Multiculturalism theme page](#) in the [Online Store](#).

