

Activity Sheet to accompany Fact Sheet 1

Overview

1. What is a referendum?

2. Referendums were held to allow the people in the six colonies to vote

that Australia should become a republic

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for or against the proposed Constitution

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that each colony should become a separate nation

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3. The main role of the Constitutional Conventions was to

4. What other countries had used referendums at the time of Federation?

FURTHER RESEARCH

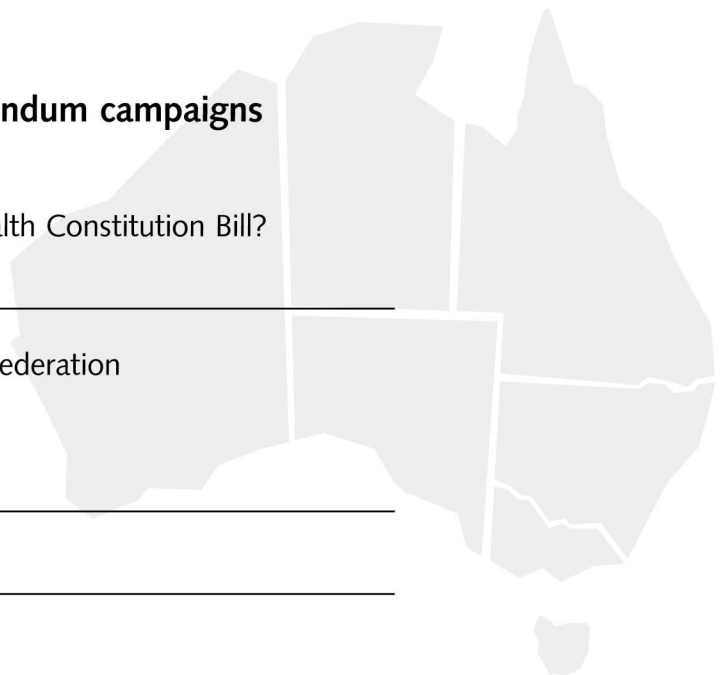
Find out how Switzerland used referendums at that time.

Yes Or No to Federation: the referendum campaigns

5. What was contained in the Commonwealth Constitution Bill?

6. List two arguments FOR and AGAINST Federation

FOR



AGAINST

FURTHER RESEARCH

Find out what is meant by

- a) a quota of votes
- b) a simple majority of votes

7. Which colonies allowed women to vote in the referendums?

8. Was it compulsory to vote in the referendums?

YES ☐

NO ☐

DISCUSSION POINTS

Why you think some suffragists thought that Federation would help women gain the vote?

Discuss arguments for and against compulsory voting in the referendums.

Who **who were 'the people'?**

9. List the groups who could not vote in the referendums

DISCUSSION POINT

Certain groups were excluded from voting in the referendums. Discuss some of the possible reasons.

FURTHER RESEARCH

Find out what is meant by 'property qualifications'.