

LESSON PLAN


Teacher Guide

Level	Learning Area	Strands	Topic
3 & 4	Humanities: History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical knowledge: Community, Remembrance and Celebration Historical concepts and skills 	Values in Symbols
	Civics and Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government and democracy 	

Overview

The aim of this lesson plan is to give teachers a range of ideas and activities to:

- facilitate student understanding of the importance and significance of values in our society
- encourage student engagement with Parliament of Victoria through describing some symbols used by the parliament and understanding the values they represent in our system of democracy.

Curriculum Links

Victorian Curriculum F-10

Level	Learning Area	Strands	Curriculum Code
3 & 4	Humanities: History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical knowledge: Community, Remembrance and Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of symbols and emblems Describe the significance of Australian celebrations, symbols and emblems 	VCHHK076; VCHHC071
	Civics and Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government and democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe democratic values 	VCCCG001
Capabilities		Strand	Curriculum Code
	Critical and creative thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meta-Cognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider concrete and pictorial models to facilitate thinking, including a range of visualisation strategies 	VCCTM018
	Ethical capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision-making and actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the role of personal values 	VCED008

Learning Goals

By the end of these lessons, students will be able to:

- Understand the concept of values
- Identify values that are important to them
- Describe some symbols from the Parliament of Victoria and understand the values that underpin them.

Resources and Materials

Included for this lesson plan are:

- Teacher guide or summary
- Teacher instructions: learning activities
- *Values: What Do I Care About Most?* Worksheet
- *Public Sector Victoria: Values Worksheet 1*
- *Public Sector Victoria: Values Worksheet 2*
- *Symbolism and Values in the Legislative Council Worksheet*

For the extension activity you will need:

- Coloured whiteboard markers (red, green, yellow) or coloured (red, green, yellow) poster paper
- The name and political party of your local member of parliament (for extension activity only)
- Access to www.parliament.vic.gov.au/members

Learning Activities Summary

These activities meet the needs of students working towards attainment of the Victorian Curriculum F-10 in Levels 3-4 in History.

This lesson plan contains the following learning activities and resources:

1. Symbols review
2. Warm up: What do I care about?
3. Defining values
4. Values and symbols; drawing activity
5. Symbols of Parliament: what are the values
6. Draw your own chair: values and symbols
7. Extension letter: write to your MP

Achievement Standard

By the end of these lessons students will meet the achievement standards in Levels 3 and 4 in History by being able to:

- Describe the significance of some Australian celebrations, symbols and emblems

By the end of these lessons students will meet the achievement standards in Levels 3 and 4 in Civics and Citizenship by being able to:

- Recognise and describe some of our democratic values