

National Reconciliation Week 2019

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#NRW2019

All Australian communities

May 27 to June 3

Why these dates?
May 27:
 1967 Referendum &
June 3:
 1992 Mabo High Court Case

To celebrate reconciliation

To create a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

1. Consider reconciliation. What comes to mind? _____

2. A little history: Fill in the blanks using these words:

Prove – Land – Land – Owners – Lawyer – Empty – Mabo – High Court

- a) June 3, 1992, the **H**_____ **C**_____ made the **M**_____ **Decision**.
- b) Eddie Mabo believed the **L**_____ he lived on belonged to his people.
- c) A **L**_____ helped him **P**_____ this in court.
- d) Eddie Mabo helped us see that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are the traditional **O**_____ of the **L**_____.
- e) The court said that Australia was not an **E**_____ land (“terra-nullius”)

Dear _____,
 Today we have learned about _____

I now know that:
 1 _____
 2 _____

Sincerely,

3. Write a letter to your mum or dad explaining two things you learned about Eddie Mabo. Cut it out and take it home.

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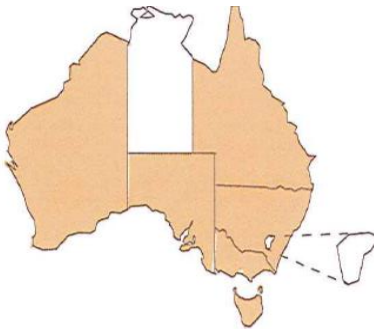
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4. A little more: Fill in the blanks using these words:

**Torres Strait – No –
Laws – Government
Referendum – Yes**

- a) In 1967 the G_____ wanted to make L_____ for the Aboriginal and T_____
S_____ Islander People.
- b) Australia held a vote called a R_____.
- c) People voted Y_____ or N_____, to agree or disagree with this idea.

5. Here are the 1967 Referendum results.



STATES	YES	%	NO	%
NSW	1949036	91.46	182010	8.54
VIC	1525026	94.68	85611	5.32
QLD	748612	89.21	90587	10.79
WA	319823	80.95	75282	19.05
SA	473440	86.26	75383	13.74
TAS	167176	90.21	18134	9.79
ACT				
NT				
TOTAL	5183113	90.77	527007	9.23

- a) The total percentage of YES votes was _____%
- b) The total percentage of NO votes was _____%
- c) Did most Australians say Yes or No? _____
- d) Did the people in all states vote YES?
- e) The result means that all Australians are counted as part of the population. It was a big step on the way to reconciliation.

6. Can you imagine what it would be like if your teacher could not make rules for the classroom?

Brainstorm a list of things that could possibly happen without rules in your classroom.

7. Create a plan for action. How would you promote the “Yes vote”, for your teacher to make rules in your classroom?

8. Create a poster promoting the YES vote for your teacher to make rules for your classroom.

What could possibly happen without rules in the classroom?

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