

AUSTRALIA

FLAG IT!



Australia's national flag came into being in 1901 just after Federation. Over 32 000 people entered a competition to design the flag and five people shared in the 200 pound prize because their designs were so similar. The designs were judged on five elements: history, heraldry, distinctiveness, utility and cost of manufacture.

TO DO:

1. Find out the approximate \$ value of the competition prize today.
2. What do each of the following elements in the flag represent?
 - The Union Jack
 - The Southern Cross
 - The Commonwealth Star
3. What reasons do people give for wanting to change the flag's design?
4. Create your own Australian flag in the space above. Be ready to explain the relevance of the colours and elements that you use.
5. Conduct a class vote to pick the flag that best represents Australia today.