

Year 8
Humanities
Holiday Homework
Term 3 2017

Task 1: Read page 480 of the booklet about petitions.

Task 2: Complete the following

Create a petition about an issue that you wish to raise support and awareness for.

Creating a petition:

Before starting a petition you must become well informed on the issue at hand. You can expect that many people will only sign up to your petition if you can explain why it is an important cause. This will require you to research the issue in depth, as you explore all sides of the argument.

Step 1: Select a title: The title should be a simple and strong statement explaining exactly what you want to achieve with the petition.

Step 2: Identify who you are petitioning: Is your petition directed at a local politician, prime minister, CEO of an organisation or school principal? You need to clearly state the title and name of the person who you wish to receive the petition.

Step 3: Reasons for signing the petition: Your petition should outline the main reasons why people should sign the petition. This can be done in bullet points or a few short paragraphs.

Task 3

Complete the following:

Questions

1. Write down in dot points all the ways that you could go about getting signatures.
2. Use the Internet to research one of the following historical petitions:
 - Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963
 - Petition for Reprieve of Ned Kelly 1880
 - Bendigo Gold-elds Petition 1853
 - Women's Suffrage Petition 1891 (Victoria, Australia)

Write a 200 word report on one of the above petitions.