

Decade Comparison Study

For this task, you are to select TWO decades and compare them in relation to the topics listed. This will contribute to your class mark for the year.

You must choose ONE of the 1920s or 1930s, and ONE of the 1970s, 1980s or 1990s. For each decade you must study a group, individual, event, political event and social event. You must then a) compare the similarities and differences between the two decades and b) explain why you think they were similar/different.

	1920s	1930s	1970s or 1980s or 1990s
Group	Returned soldiers, women or workers	Unemployed, wealthy or stolen generation	own choice
Individual	Rev John Flynn, Dame Nellie Melba or Sir Charles Kingsford Smith	Sir Donald Bradman, Margaret Preston, Nancy Walton, Roy Rene or Sir Isaac Isaacs	Own choice
Event	Construction of Canberra, the Conniston massacre or introduction of talkies	Death of Phar Lap, opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge or the Aboriginal Day of Mourning	Own choice
Political Development	Founding of the Country Party, growth of unionism and establishment of the ACTU or compulsory and preferential voting	Dismissal of Jack Lang, responses of governments to the Great Depression	Own choice
Social trend	Own choice	Own choice	Impact of technology on daily life, fashion, sport, entertainment, sport or British or American influence on Australian identity

In groups you are to research *one* option for each topic for each decade and prepare a research presentation or paper. I.e. You will be completing 10 pieces of research across the 2 decades. You may choose to do this in any of the following ways:

- A written report
- A website or blog
- A video/skit/song
- A Newspaper or magazine report
- Another format of your choosing (decided with your teacher)