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ACTIVITY 1 – UN DECLARATION

Look at the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/publications/un-declaration-rights-indigenous-peoples-1>
and select one article.

1. Explain the meaning of the article in your own words.
2. Has the aim of this article been achieved in Australia? If so, explain how. If not, explain what needs to be done.
3. How does/can this article help support the process of reconciliation?

ACTIVITY 2 – CURRENT ISSUES

Read the 'Current Issues' (page 21) section of the fact book and complete the activities that follow.

1. Use the table below to analyse the Closing the Gap agenda.

AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT	HAS THERE BEEN ANY PROGRESS? IF SO, WHAT?	WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ACHIEVE MORE PROGRESS?
Health and Mortality		
Education		
Employment		

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2. What is the most prevalent form of homelessness among Indigenous Australians?
Why might this be the case?

3. Make a list of significant things that should occur in the next 50 years to help progress Australia towards reconciliation.

4. Choose one of these things and explain how it will help progress Australia towards reconciliation.



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ACTIVITY 3 – THE STATE OF RECONCILIATION

The State of Reconciliation in Australia Report

https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/State-of-Reconciliation-Report_SUMMARY.pdf
analyses the country's progress towards Reconciliation.

Read through pages 8-15 of the report. Write an extended response arguing the extent to which you agree with the following statement, using evidence from the report to support your argument.

“While the Reconciliation movement is positive, there is still much work to be done to achieve real Reconciliation with Indigenous Australians.”



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ACTIVITY 4 – SOCIAL COHESION

Briefly explain the five aspects of social cohesion identified in the Scanlon Monash Index

<https://scanlonfoundation.org.au/social-cohesion-pillars/>

Belonging:

Social Justice and Equity:

Participation:

Acceptance and Rejection Legitimacy:

Worth:

When social cohesion isn't present, some members of society experience social isolation. Referencing the five aspects of social cohesion, plus what you know about Indigenous Australians, explain why Indigenous Australians may experience social isolation in modern Australia.