

Find the display case featuring SA Premier, Don Dunstan. What objects are on display to represent him?

What are some of Dunstan's achievements, in relation to democracy?

The pink shorts are famous in SA's history and say a lot about Dunstan's character and values. Investigate why the shorts are on display and discuss what they represent.



Find the display case holding protest badges. What issues are being protested or supported in this display?

How and why are badges used to protest?

How is the act of protest related to democracy?

Have you ever protested anything before? What issue was it for? What action did you take?



Note how many women are featured in the gallery, and compare the number with the men featured. Is one gender more present than the other? Why do you think this is?

Look at the display about *women's suffrage*. What does that term mean?

Why is it so important that everyone is able to vote in political elections?

In Australia people can vote after they turn 18. Do you think this is fair? Discuss why/why not.



Can you define the word 'democracy'? Look up the definition if you're not sure.

Why is this concept something that would be celebrated with a museum?

How have you been involved in a democratic process? Reflect on your personal experience.

Are there times/events/places in your life that are not democratic? What are they?



Look closely at the painting, *The first dinner given to the Aborigines 1838* at the gallery entrance. Analyse the work as a primary source by discussing the following:

1. Who created this source and what do we know about them?
2. Who do you think is the original audience for the work?
3. Could this source be biased in any way?
4. Is it reliable?
5. What can we learn from this source about events, people and attitudes at the time?



Find the display about unions and workers' rights. What objects are on display in this area? How do they represent the topic?

Describe what a union is and its purpose, in your own words.

What are some of the past achievements of trade unions?

Why do people still join unions today?



A Curator is the person who collects and arranges objects in a museum or gallery.

If you were the Curator of this gallery, what would you feature as the most important object?

What would you change in the gallery?

How would you make the concept of democracy engaging for children, so they understand its importance?



Use the Digital Wall to explore the people, groups, and social and political movements that have made Australia what it is today, and find answers to the following:

1. Who is our current state Premier and what political party do they belong to?
2. What does the National Trust of Australia do?
3. What member of the South Australian Legislative Council was elected on the platform of disability rights?

