

Worksheet: Post-War Reconstruction and the 1949 Election

Consolidation and analysis

The capstone of the elective: an ambitious reform vision, and the Cold War politics that ended it. Use your running "significant ideas" table to draw the unit together.

Q1. What was the "Light on the Hill", and name two of Chifley's reconstruction measures.

Q2. Match each reconstruction measure to the significant idea it expressed: White Paper on Full Employment; Snowy Mountains Scheme; "Populate or Perish"; the work of Cooper, Patten and Bandler.

Q3. Explain how the 1949 Coal Strike contributed to Chifley's defeat.

Q4. "Menzies won the 1949 election more because of fear of communism than because of his own policies." Evaluate this statement.