

Worksheet: WWI, Conscription and the Anzac Legend

Consolidation and analysis

The war left a double legacy: the divisive conscription crisis and the unifying — but exclusionary — Anzac legend. Hold both in view.

Q1. What were the outcomes of the conscription referendums of 1916 and 1917?

Q2. Explain how the conscription debate damaged the Labor Party.

Q3. Complete the table: give one point for each view of the Anzac legend.

The legend unified Australia	The legend excluded Australians

Q4. "The Anzac legend tells us more about how Australians wanted to see themselves than about who they actually were." Evaluate this claim.