



Story of Our Rights and Freedoms – Rights, Freedoms and the Court System – Year 9 Civics

Thought Starter: "The bedrock of our democracy is the rule of law and that means we have to have an independent judiciary, judges who can make decisions independent of the political winds that are blowing." - Caroline Kennedy

1. What will you be exploring about the Australian court system?

Note your secondary questions here:

You could begin your research at this website: [Attorney-General's Department "The Courts"](#).



2. Use this space to take notes when your classmates present their research:

3. Use the hexagonal thinking tool to explore the connections between what you found out about the Australian court system and rights and freedoms.

[Hexagonal thinking template.](#)



Reflection

Complete the 'Connect-Extend-Challenge' visible thinking routine to reflect on what you have learned throughout the lesson:

CONNECT: How are the ideas and information presented CONNECTED to what you already knew?	EXTEND: What new ideas did you get that EXTENDED or pushed your thinking in new directions?	CHALLENGE: What is still CHALLENGING or confusing for you to get your mind around? What questions, wonderings or puzzles do you now have?