**KEY LEARNING**

The Australian Curriculum: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority. The Australian Curriculum is working towards addressing two distinct needs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education:

- that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are able to see themselves, their identities and their cultures reflected in the curriculum of each of the learning areas, can fully participate in the curriculum and can build their self-esteem

- that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority is designed for all students to engage in reconciliation, respect and recognition of the world’s oldest continuous living cultures.
FOCUS QUESTION:
What is the 2020 National NAIDOC Week theme and why is it important? How did the artist reflect the theme in his artwork? How do you think the artwork reflects this year’s theme?

ACTIVITIES:
- Students brainstorm – what they see in the Poster and why is it significant?
- Students workshop in small groups and report back to the whole class, to define/explain key terms used in the Poster and in the artist description.
- Students read the explanation of the Posters artwork by the artist and discuss the important messages relayed. Students pick one issue – from the artist’s explanation – and write either a poem or letter to someone about the selected issue.
- Students create their own product based on this year’s theme, for example:
  - design their own poster using computer graphics, pens, pencils or paints
  - compose a song or a piece of poetry
  - compile a media release
  - design a pamphlet
  - plan a school event to celebrate NAIDOC week.

USEFUL WEBSITES
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
For more information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority and its organising ideas. Go to: http://australiancurriculum.edu.au

Australian Curriculum: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures Guiding Principles for Promoting and Implementing the Australian Curriculum Cross- Curriculum Priority.
Go to: https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/media/1536/guiding-principles.pdf

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)
Go to: https://aiatsis.gov.au/

NAIDOC – Plan your event: https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/plan-your-event
