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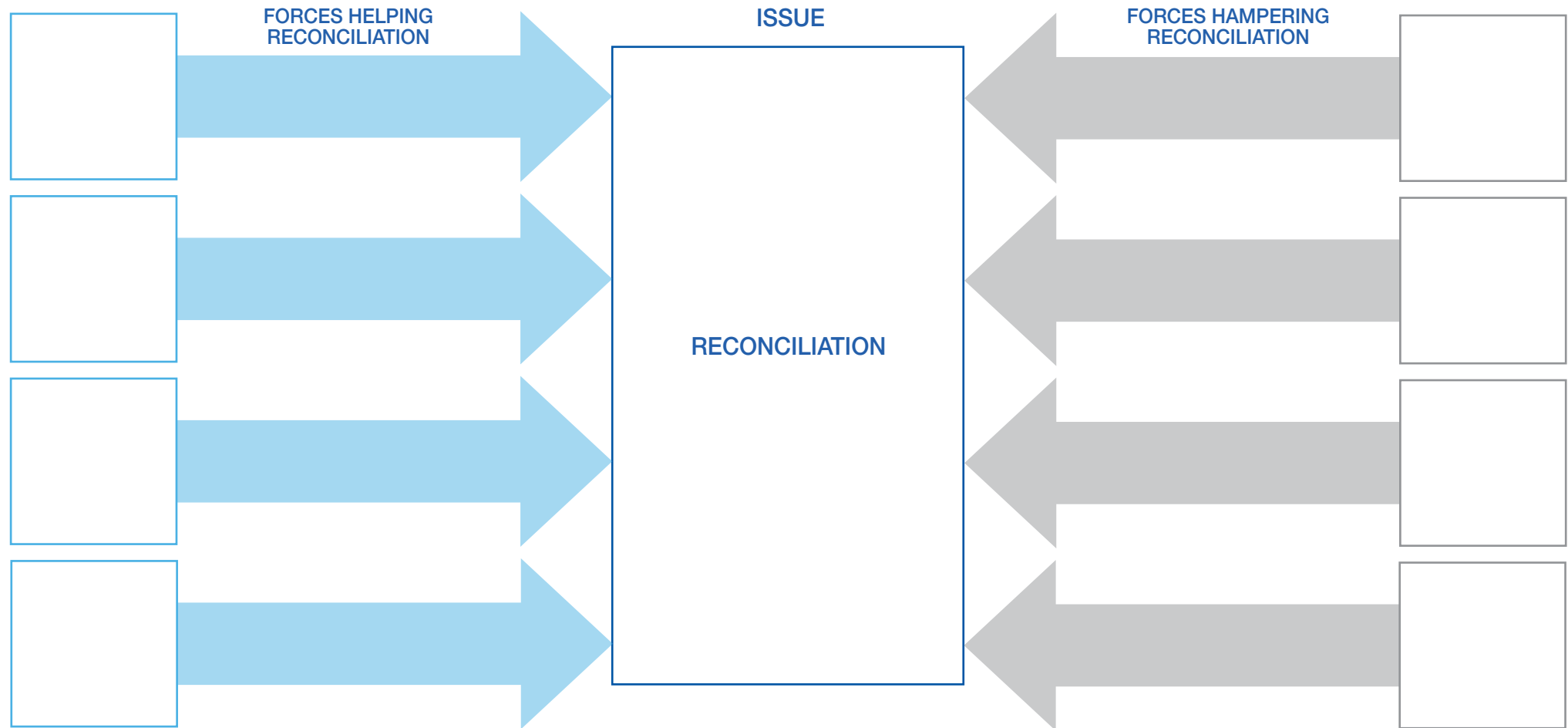


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Use the diagram below to analyse Australia's progress towards reconciliation. In the blue arrows, write significant events/people who have/are fighting for Indigenous Australian's rights. In the box next to each arrow, rank out of 10 how significant this person/event was to achieving reconciliation. In the grey arrows, write events/people/issues that are hampering reconciliation and rank each one out of 10.

The 'Fight for Rights' (page 9) section of the fact book will assist you with finding information.



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## 1. What is reconciliation with regards to Indigenous Australians?

In Australia, reconciliation refers to bringing together Indigenous Australians and other Australians. It is about overcoming the gap and inequality between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Reconciliation Australia identifies the five dimensions of reconciliation as race relations, equality and equity, unity, institutional integrity and historical acceptance.

## 2. What are some things that Australians can do to contribute to reconciliation?

To help support reconciliation, Australians need to acknowledge that Indigenous Australians are the traditional owners of the land and that they have unique relationships to the land, sea and waterways. It is also important that Australians acknowledge that past government policies have led to hardships and disadvantage for many Aboriginal communities. Australians can also join groups that undertake action for reconciliation.

## 3. Why is reconciliation important for the identity of Australia as a nation?

Reconciliation means Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights, histories and cultures are valued and recognised as part of a shared national identity. The identity of Australia as a nation is not complete without a recognition and valuing of Indigenous Australian culture and heritage. Achieving equality with those who have given so much to this nation is the most important contributor to our national identity in the future.