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Migration to Australia – WW1 and the 1920s and 1930s

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ACTIVITY 1 – COMPREHENSION AND ANALYSIS

1. What was the top priority of the new ALP government after the start of WW1?

The top priority of the new ALP government was national security.

2. Why would this have been the top priority at this time?

Due to the outbreak of World War I, there would have been concerns about the security of the nation. These concerns would have been magnified as Australia was a very young nation at this time and had a small population.

3. What impact did WW1 have on migration to Australia? Why do you think this happened?

Migration basically came to a standstill during World War I. This was probably because most migrants were coming to Australia from Britain and Britain was one of the key members of the Allied Powers. Therefore, migration slowed as many people would have been required to fight in the war. In addition, travelling to Australia by ship may have become more dangerous due to the war.

4. What is the meaning of the quote from Opposition Leader Frank Tudor?

Opposition Leader Frank Tudor was saying that the new restrictions added to the Immigration Act in 1920 were quite vague and open to interpretation. This meant that Immigration officials could deny entry to anyone they wanted.

5. Why do you think Germans, Austrians, Hungarians and Bulgarians were prevented from migrating to Australia at this time?

Germans, Austrians, Hungarians and Bulgarians were all prevented from migrating to Australia after World War I as all of those countries had fought against Australia and Britain during the war.

6. Who were the first group of official refugees to come to Australia and why did they need to be resettled?

The first group of official refugees to come to Australia were 5,000 Jewish people escaping from Nazi Germany. This group needed to be resettled as Adolf Hitler had begun a systematic persecution of Jewish people in Germany.

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ACTIVITY 2 – SOURCE ANALYSIS

1. What is the main message being presented by Source 2.1 (page 8)?

There were two key messages presented in Source 2.1. First of all, as shown by the heading, one of the key messages was to 'keep Australia white'. The other key message was that Australia had to increase its population to at least 20 million in order to keep it safe.

2. How does the picture in Source 2.1 (page 8) reinforce what is said in the text of the source?

The picture in Source 2.1 shows Australia with the words 'The Land of Temptation'. Around Australia you can see the continents of Asia, Africa, South America and North America. Each of these continents contains images of people who are looking towards Australia, with the caption 'All Eyes on Australia'. This is presenting the view that non-White people from these lands want to come to Australia. This reinforces what is said in the text of the source, as it is stating the importance of maintaining a 'White Australia'.

3. Who would be the target audience for Source 2.3 (page 9)? How do you know?

The target audience for Source 2.3 would be men and women in Britain. This is clear to see from the text which states 'The call of the stars to British men & women'. It is also obvious that this poster would be displayed in Britain, as the address at the bottom is a British address.

4. What point is being made in Source 2.4 (page 9)?

Source 2.4 shows a map of Australia with all the countries of Europe around the coastline of Australia. The point of the image is that Australia has more land area than all these countries combined, yet Australia's population at the time (5 million) was dwarfed by Europe's population at the time (over 300 million). The message was that Australia needed more immigration in order to fill its empty spaces.

5. Overall, what are the three key messages presented in these four sources?

The three key messages presented in these sources were:

- Australia was underpopulated and needed further immigration for the sake of national security
- An emphasis on the maintenance of a 'white Australia'
- An emphasis on the continued migration of British people to Australia

6. Do you believe these sources give an accurate and reliable representation of Australian views at this time? Justify your response.

Yes I believe these sources give an accurate and reliable representation of Australian views at this time. It was clear that during this period of Australian history, discriminatory attitudes prevailed. These sources show these attitudes and they show the desire for migrants to come mainly from Britain.