

Task: The Anzac Spirit

The ANZAC acronym has been a part of Australian and New Zealand history, life and identity since 1915.

Charles Bean, an official Australian war correspondent and historian, is often credited with popularising the term through his published writings and work. Since 1921, the use of the word “Anzac” in Australia has been governed by federal legislation, under the Protection of Word “Anzac” Regulations.

The **“Anzac Legend”** is a term used by historians to refer to how Australians and New Zealanders depicted themselves in war; how they thought, spoke and wrote of their wartime experiences. At times, these depictions might differ from the actual experience.

"By dawn on December 20th Anzac had faded into a dim blue line lost amid other hills on the horizon as the ships took their human freight to Imbros, Lemnos and Egypt. But Anzac stood, and still stands, for reckless valour in a good cause, for enterprise, resourcefulness, fidelity, comradeship, and endurance that will never own defeat."

- An excerpt from “Anzac to Amiens” by C. E. W. Bean used in the new memorial park erected at the Gallipoli battlefield, in Turkey. (25 April 2000)

Explain how the words used in the above inscription portray the Anzac Spirit.



Using information from videos and images demonstrating the Anzac Spirit, create a mind map depicting the meaning of the Anzac Spirit, explaining “Why I am proud to be an Australian or a New Zealander.”



You can start your research with the following sources:

The Anzac Spirit - Britannica Library resource pack
<https://library.eb.com.au/levels/teens/collection/view/599583>

Anzac Spirit - State Library of Victoria Gallery
<https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/search-discover/galleries/anzac-spirit>

The Spirit of Anzac - ShrineMelbourne on Youtube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29nDdzzTMbs&feature=youtu.be>