

Defining Moments in Australian History – Welcome Video Transcript

Hi, I'm Anwen.

Welcome to this amazing place, the National Museum of Australia, here in Canberra.

You know, this museum is full of incredible objects and displays that help tell us about our history, and especially those really important defining moments that have shaped this history.

And this is one of my favourite galleries.

It's called the Landmarks Gallery.

And there's just so much to see.

Hey, here's an Aboriginal breastplate.

And this is a famous explorer's water bottle.

And this little cutie is Trim the Cat.

He sailed around Australia with Matthew Flinders.

A few years ago, the museum asked a number of Australian historians, people who know a lot about Australia's history, to do something very interesting.

They asked them to choose the 100 most important events in Australian history.

That's a pretty big ask.

And here, you can actually find some of those big defining moments.

Perhaps this cool car might be a clue to one of them.

Maybe this strange looking object might be a clue to another.

It looks like a huge heart to me.

What you're about to do is explore this gallery for yourself.

Looking out for examples of these defining moments in Australian history.

If you want, you can use the Activity Checklist to find ten specific defining moments displays.

Or simply take a self-guided tour.

Either way, make sure you look at the highlighted exhibits and also check out the 3D objects.

They're really cool.

But wait, there's more.

At any time, you can also go to the menu, and play some of the great games that will help you investigate defining moments in your own family history and your own local community.

Why, well we want you to record these, and share them with your classmates, your teacher, and maybe even the National Museum of Australia.

Who knows, you might find a defining moment that we can put in this gallery.

Well, I'll leave you to it.

I'm gonna check out this massive windmill.

I wonder why that's here.

Good luck!