



THE 2012 Simpson PRIZE

A COMPETITION FOR
YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

- One student winner from each State and Territory announced March 2012
- Winning students and two teachers travel to Turkey or the Western Front in April 2012 for ANZAC Day services
- Briefing program for winning students, runners-up and accompanying teachers in Canberra, March 2012

The Simpson Prize is funded by the Australian Government through the Civics and Citizenship Education program which is administered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.



BACKGROUND

The Gallipoli Campaign during the Great War 1914–18 was the first time that men and women served Australia as Australians in a war situation. The campaign was part of a plan to oust the Turks from the war and thereby to weaken Turkey's ally, Germany. Australians were considered by some to be untried soldiers, second-raters, and 'six bob-a-day' tourists. By the end of the campaign the Australians had demonstrated some remarkable characteristics and were respected by soldiers from other nations. The ANZAC tradition was established on the beaches of Gallipoli from 25 April 1915 to the evacuation in December 1915, and has continued through other military conflicts in which Australians have been involved.

The ANZAC tradition, which includes the story of John Simpson Kirkpatrick, has been strengthened by the service of many who have served Australia, both on the battlefields and on the homefront, and it now forms part of our heritage.

THE SIMPSON PRIZE COMPETITION

You are asked to either write an essay of between 900 and 1200 words, or prepare an audio-visual presentation of up to 15 minutes, in response to this question:

'Why has Australian commemoration of ANZAC Day increased in popularity in recent years?'

You should support your view with reference to at least **TWO** different periods of Australian history.

See your teacher for all the information about the requirements needed to be met in order to be eligible for entry, and details on how the entries will be judged.

Last year's winning entries can be accessed at: www.simpsonprize.org



THE PRIZES

The State and Territory winners will travel to Gallipoli or the Western Front in April 2012 to attend the dawn service on ANZAC Day and other ANZAC Day ceremonies. In March 2012 the winners will attend a two-day briefing program in Canberra to prepare them for the trip. Two teachers will accompany the winning students overseas and will attend the Canberra briefing program. The student runners-up will also attend the Canberra program. Travel, accommodation and meals expenses associated with the overseas and Canberra trips will be met by the competition.

JOURNAL

Winners will be asked to keep a journal of their trip.

ENTRANT'S RECOGNITION

All students who participate in the competition will be provided with a certificate of participation.

NOTE: Previous winners are ineligible.

**CLOSING DATE:
9 DECEMBER 2011**