

Year 5: HASS, Geography and Mathematics

Lesson Plan 2: Reflecting on decisions of the past

Introductory activities (engage)

(10 minutes each)

As a class group discuss the meaning of decision versus *hindsight*.

Use scenario examples and prompt questions to understand your student's current knowledge level.

Can you finish the sentence "in hindsight, I should have..."

Decision	Hindsight
A choice you make a thinking about seve possibilities	event or situation only after it
Choose what should be	Ability to see, after the event, what should have been done.

Lesson 2 (explore)

(10 minutes)

Resume watching the online video resource *The Restoration of Lagoon of Islands*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYTyn8Jqtgw

at 1:16 minutes (end of Lesson 1) until 2 minutes (Pause or stop the video at 2:00 minutes, Professor Tyler is exiting a black 4WD vehicle to greet Dr Carolyn Maxwell).

Materials	Quantity	
Smart board or projector	1	
Internet connection	1	
YouTube video		
<u>The Restoration of Lagoon of Islands</u>		
KWL Chart from last lesson.		

It is recommended that the video is set up prior to class or student viewing.

Lesson 3 will be based on the remainder of the video and other written resources.

In this lesson students will meet Mr Andrew Scanlon, former Hydro Tasmania employee. Mr Scanlon reflects on the history of Lagoon of Islands and the benefit of hindsight.

Ask your students to look and listen for key dates or the words decision and hindsight.

- Students volunteer one of the 'look and listen' items they noticed for discussion or recording.
- How were the words 'decision' and 'hindsight' used?



Options for assessment and extension

Learning Area	Option/s		
HASS and Geography Inquiry and skills Individual	Students review section 2 'what do I want to know' The body of th	Students continue their timeline from the key dates they have identified in the video Extension Add quotes, facts, figures, images or other research pieces to the timeline	
continue answered? lessons 1–3 Begin to complete section learnt?'	answered? Begin to complete section 3 'what have I learnt?'		
HASS and Geography Inquiry and skills Group Activity (4 people)	 Reconvene the same groups of four students Examine Mr Scanlon's narrative and explore any views expressed. What was his view on building a dam? What did he express about hindsight? What was his view of Professor Tyler? Each group to collate their own list Identify any similarities between Professor Tyler and Mr Scanlon's viewpoint. Identify any differences. Each group to present back to the class. 		
HASS and Geography Knowledge and understanding	 Q&A (written piece or discussion) What was the human influence on the environmental characteristics of Lagoon of Islands? Building the dam. Flooding the area. Changing the natural water course/flow. "The water level submerged the Baumea reeds to such a depth so that they could no longer survive, so the reed mat died and then the islands sank deeper and deeper, they became water logged and they died" – Professor Tyler 		

Elaborate and review

As a class group review:



1. Making decisions

Mr Andrew Scanlon commented that in hindsight building the dam at Lagoon of Islands was a mistake.

- In what ways might Hydro Tasmania learn from this experience?
- What could be done to make better business decisions in the future?
- Create your own checklist to make better decisions.

