



# Video library details

The DVD on the inside back cover of this book contains video extracts to support six of the featured topics. This footage can be used as a lesson starter to introduce a new topic, or during work on the topic to provide more detailed information. The duration of the footage varies and is listed below, along with a brief synopsis of the content.

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**Topic: Australian Animals: Marsupials**

**DVD:** *Australian Animals*, Classroom Video

**Synopsis:** This footage begins with a kangaroo giving birth to a tiny baby and shows the hairless pink baby crawling up to the mother's pouch and latching onto the nipple inside the pouch. Similar footage of a koala being born is then shown. There are also shots of an older joey in its mother's pouch and a baby koala clinging onto its mother's back as she swings from the branches. Footage also includes a brief shot of an echidna family.

**Duration:** 2 mins 45 secs

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**Topic: The Meaning of Anzac Day**

**DVD:** *Australian History – Junior*, Classroom Video

**Synopsis:** This extract explains how World War I began and shows war footage from Gallipoli and other battlegrounds. All of the shots are in black and white, and will give students an idea of the scale of the losses and a sense of how different things were back in 1914.

**Duration:** 1 min 26 secs

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**Topic: Minibeasts: Insects and Spiders**

**DVD:** *Insects and Spiders*, Classroom Video

**Synopsis:** This extract contains lots of close-ups of spiders catching their prey. It starts with a spider nursery hanging from a tree and then shows a large grasshopper being caught in a web and wrapped in silk by a spider. There is also fascinating footage of a net-casting spider creating its net and then catching a cockroach with it, as well as a trapdoor spider catching beetles. If you are arachnophobic (or just don't like spiders up close and personal) you may choose not to watch this one!

**Duration:** 3 mins 19 secs

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**Topic: The First Australians: Then and Now**

**DVD:** *Australian History – Junior*, Classroom Video

**Synopsis:** This footage explains how the first non-Aboriginal people came to Australia and settled here. The extract cleverly combines old paintings with black and white footage and includes some traditional tribal dancing. It mentions the separation of Tasmania from the mainland and the isolation of the people left there. It also looks at the growth of empires elsewhere in the world, during which long period Australian Aborigines lived their traditional lifestyle uninterrupted until white settlement began.

**Duration:** 1 min 30 secs

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**Topic: Australian States and Cities**

**DVD:** *Australian History – Junior*, Classroom Video

**Synopsis:** This extract tells how the discovery by Magellan that the world was not flat opened up the world for voyages of discovery and trade. The first Europeans to arrive in Australia were the Dutch, but it wasn't until 1770 when Captain Cook explored Botany Bay that the British claimed Australia for themselves.

**Duration:** 2 mins 28 secs

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**Topic: The Circus**

**DVD:** *Under the Big Top*, Classroom Video

**Synopsis:** The opening section of this footage shows the various acts you would see in a typical circus: acrobats, clowns, performing dogs and elephants. However, the main focus is on the clowns. They are shown putting on their make-up, and some great old footage is included of old European clowns with a variety of make-up styles. There are also plenty of scenes to amuse and entertain your class of modern clowns performing at a circus.

**Duration:** 2 mins 21 secs

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