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Regional, rural and remote schools invited to enter the National Museum of Australia's new History Makers video challenge

The National Museum of Australia is empowering school students to tell stories about Australian history while also expressing their creativity.

The [History Makers](#) school video challenge invites schools and student groups to produce a short video about an historical or contemporary defining moment that matters to them. Open to students from kindergarten to year 12, History Makers entries will be featured on [Australia's Defining Moments Digital Classroom](#) (ADMDC) website and 10 winning schools will each receive \$2,000.

Schools can enter in one or more of five prize categories: regional stories, research skills, collaboration, creativity and clever use of technology.

Regional, rural and remote schools are encouraged to enter the regional stories category. Entrants in this category can produce a video that shares a defining moment that is important to their local community.

When selecting a defining moment to research, students may refer to the National Museum of Australia's [Defining Moments in Australian History](#), [Australia's Defining Moments Digital Classroom](#), which was made possible with the support of the Gandel Foundation, and [Momentous](#), an evolving record of recent events in our history such as the 2019–20 bushfires and the Covid-19 pandemic, for inspiration.

John Gandel AC and Pauline Gandel AC of the Gandel Foundation said: "Our vision in supporting ADMDC was to make history and the resources of the National Museum available to children across the nation. This video challenge will encourage students to look to their own communities – big and small – to discover their own defining moments."

National Museum Director, Dr Mathew Trinca AM FAHA, said: "Australia's Defining Moments Digital Classroom empowers teachers and inspires students. The History Makers challenge furthers this vision by encouraging young people across the country to engage with the history of their school, community, and nation."

National Museum Schools and Engagement Manager, Marissa Beard, said: "We are excited to see the creativity of students of all ages and from all parts of the country. We are

particularly interested to hear from students in regional, rural, and remote communities. We want to share the historical and contemporary defining moments that matter most to those students with schools around Australia.”

History Makers submissions are open until 4 November 2022.

For more information and to enter visit <https://digital-classroom.nma.gov.au/history-makers>

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Entry criteria

To be eligible for History Makers prizes and inclusion on the Digital Classroom website, entries must be:

- an original video of at least 30 seconds and no longer than 4 minutes
- submitted as one of these file types: mp4, mov, m4v
- created for the purpose of the History Makers challenge
- about a defining moment and demonstrate a clear understanding of what constitutes a defining moment in history
- accompanied by a short artist statement (max. 100 words)

All entrants must comply with the History Makers [terms and conditions](#).

Background

[Defining Moments in Australian History](#) is the National Museum's respected Australian history online project which explores key moments that have shaped Australian history, culture, and identity.

Australia's Defining Moments Digital Classroom takes Defining Moments in Australian History into classrooms across the country, bringing Australian history alive for students in a truly engaging, rigorous and innovative way.

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