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Australia – a national overview

Note taking activity sheet

In this activity, you will be exploring the historical context of the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and the laws that allowed those separations to occur.

Part A

Read the *Australia – a national overview resource sheet*. While you are reading, make three dot points under each of the following headings:

Unoccupied land

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Early colonisation

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The first laws which allowed for the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families

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The rationale behind the assimilation of Indigenous people

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Self-management and self-determination

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The *Bringing them home Report* and its findings

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