Classroom Activity Suggestions

- Research and discuss the political environment at the time of significance of the Shearers’ Strike.
- Turn the classroom into a mock parliament, creating your own parliamentary sittings. (http://www.civicsandcitizenship.edu.au/cce/default.asp?id=30184)
- Map Captain Starlight’s journey with the cattle.
- Create a ‘wanted’ poster for Captain Starlight and display these around the school as a way of creating interest in this iconic Australian character.
- Research the cattle drive. Create a list of hardships they may have encountered on the drive.
- Write a diary for a week as if you were on a cattle drive.
- Research the impact that the Great Artesian Basin would have on Queensland and then the remainder of Australia.
- Read a daily newspaper and write down everything you can find related to mining in Queensland, Australia.
- What other evidence can you find (e.g., songs, stories, poems, artworks) of the way people value the Outback landscapes?
- Research various Cobb & Co. routes and using mapping skills, develop a map which would clearly show all major routes that Cobb & Co. operated.
- Design an advertisement which would encourage early settlers to use the Cobb & Co. Coach line.
- Analyse the way forces are used to move and stop coaches.
- Create a solar system in your classroom.
- Research some quirky facts about planets in our solar system and how they got their names.