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Read the feature topic about Fringe World and Perth Festival for kids in today's ED! Magazine and complete some of the activities below.



- Class discussion: Has anyone been to a Fringe World or a Perth Festival show before? Describe your experience:
 - Who did you go with
 - What did you see?
 - Where was the show performed?
 - When did you go?
 - Would you recommend it to others?
- When does Perth Festival start?
- Which of the featured shows/events have been part of Fringe World or Perth Festival before?



- Jon Madd says that he likes to watch both good and bad magic shows as he can learn from both. Have you ever learned anything by witnessing something done badly?
- If you were one of the people asked to explain their relationship with the Swan River for Five Short Blasts, what would you say?
- It takes a lot of work to put on an engaging festival show. Do a Think Pair Share activity to explore what sort of things a) an individual performer or b) a festival organiser might need to think about to ensure the audience enjoys the show.



- Fringe World is the third largest Fringe festival in the world. Find out what is meant by the term 'fringe theatre' and where some other popular Fringe festivals are held.



- Rank the events featured in today's ED! in order from those you would most like to see to those that you are least interested in.



- If you had an opportunity to interview an author, who would it be? Make a list of questions you would like to ask them.
- Visit the 'Ground Beneath Our Feet' section on the Boorna Waanginy website, where you will find suggestions for a range of projects that can help protect WA's unique diversity. Write a short persuasive letter to your teacher explaining which of the projects your class should get involved in.
- In small groups, come up with a most creative idea for a Fringe World or Perth Festival show. Pitch your idea to the rest of the class, explaining why people should come and see your event.



- Go to thewest.com.au/entertainment to find stories about Fringe World, Perth Festival and other arts news. Do you think any of the stories are more important than others?

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Read the stories in ED! Magazine's *NEWS FLASH* column and complete some of the activities below.

Brexit vote



- What percentage of MPs voted to back Theresa May?



- 'Brexit' is a term for the UK (Britain) leaving (exiting) the European Union. What is the European Union?



- Brainstorm a list of reasons why a country might want to leave a union, or partnership, with other countries, then investigate why the UK has voted to leave the European Union.

National Day law push



- What does Australia Day commemorate?
- According to Dean Smith, what is the only way that the date of Australia Day should be changed?



- What do the terms 'conservative' and 'Coalition' mean?



- Working with a partner or in small groups, make a list of three reasons for and three reasons against changing Australia Day to another date.
- If the date of Australia Day was to change, propose an alternative date that a national day could be celebrated, giving reasons for your suggestion.

Tourism concern



- Brainstorm reasons for why tourism might be good for Western Australia. Why would jobs and businesses be 'doomed' when visitor numbers fall?



- What would be the best way to promote WA to a) people living in other states and b) people living overseas? Create a poster or an advertising jingle to encourage tourists to visit WA.

- If you were in charge of spending \$130 million to boost WA's tourism industry, how would you spend the money?



- Go to thewest.com.au/news/tourism to see stories linked to the WA tourism industry. What are some of the issues reported?