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Read the feature topic about WA Day in today’s ED! Magazine and complete some of the activities below.

- How are you planning to spend the upcoming WA Day long weekend?
- What event did Foundation Day commemorate?
- Why was Foundation Day changed to WA Day?

- What do you think is the best thing about living in WA?
- Go to the Landgate website listed and find out the origin of your suburb or town name. Does the name have an Aboriginal or a non-Aboriginal origin? Some people are suggesting that WA places with European names should be changed back to having Aboriginal names, or be known by both. Make a hypothesis about what might happen on this issue in the future.

- Investigate one of the people mentioned in today’s ED! feature and make a list of at least five facts about them.

- Visit celebratewa.com.au and go to the ‘2019 Finalists’ link to find out more about this year’s Western Australian of the Year finalists. Who do you think should win in each category?
- If you were to give out WA Day awards to people who contribute to your school community, what categories would you have? Who would you nominate for these awards?

- Draw up a plan for a WA Day party. What would you have for music, entertainment, decorations and food?
- Create a tourist brochure promoting Western Australia.

- By their nature, the news usually carries stories about conflict, crime or issues which need to be resolved. Flick through today’s copy of The West or go online to thewest.com.au/news/wa – can you find any stories which celebrate Western Australia or Western Australians?
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Read the stories in ED! Magazine’s NEWS FLASH column and complete some of the activities below.

May resigns
- Why did Theresa May resign?
- What is at No.10 Downing Street in London?
- What does Theresa May mean by “The second female prime minister but certainly not the last”? Who was the first?
- Search site: thewest.com Brexit to find an article about Brexit. Identify the facts, and any opinions, included in the article.

PM announces new team
- What is the ‘Cabinet’?
- Who is now Australia’s a) Finance Minister and b) Indigenous Affairs Minister?
- What is an ‘Attorney-General’?
- Give an example of something that the following ministers might need have an interest in or have to deal with:
  - Defence Minister
  - Industrial Relations Minister
  - Education Minister
  - Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts
- Think of an issue or a problem in Australia today and write a letter to the appropriate minister explaining what you would like him or her to do about it.

Albo new Labor leader
- Who did Anthony Albanese replace?
- Why do you think he was “the only person to put his hand up”?
- Find out more about Anthony Albanese. What aspects of his career might have prepared him for the role of a Labor Party leader?