Significance and perspective in Australian history

Ask students to answer these ten quiz questions.

Once they have finished and been given the correct answers, ask them to evaluate the questions.

Use this as a stimulus to discuss significance and perspective in Australian history.

Australian History Quiz

1. In what year did Captain Cook discover the east coast of Australia?
2. In what year was the first British settlement established at Sydney Cove?
3. NSW Parliament House is situated on a street named after which colonial governor?
4. Who was the 'father of the wool industry' in Australia?
5. Where was gold first discovered near Bathurst and in what year?
6. Who was the 'father of federation' and in what year did federation occur?
7. Who was Australia’s first Prime Minister?
8. When did the Anzacs land at Gallipoli?
9. Name a battle in which Australian forces defeated the Japanese during World War II.
10. What was Don Bradman’s batting average?

- From what perspective has the quiz been written?
- What does it suggest about significance in Australian history?
- Construct a similar quiz from the perspective of an Indigenous Australian, a feminist historian, a historian from outside NSW, a historian of popular culture...
- How do different perspectives affect what is seen as significant in Australian history?