

Advance Australia Fair Personal Response

The year 5's have been examining poetry in English in order to write a poetry analysis. One of the poems we focussed on closely was our anthem Advance Australia Fair, written by Peter Dodd's McCormick in the 1800's. Below are some of the personal responses that some Year 5 student wrote as a partner activity in response to the Anthem.

We enjoyed the poem 'Advance Australia Fair' because it represents our country. McCormick's message is that Australia is an amazing independent country. The feelings this poem evokes when it is sung aloud are pride, happiness and respect for our land. This was the poet's intent. The historical vocab in this poem such as 'rejoice', 'toil', 'abounds', 'boundless' and 'radiant', help us understand that the poem was written in the 1800's. We know this because we don't use those words anymore. We recommend this anthem for all Australian citizens because it was written for Australia.

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We enjoyed the poem 'Advance Australia Fair' because it evokes a sense of pride and patriotism. It tells of Australia's uniqueness and beauty. The author's message is for the citizens of Australia to rise up and build a strong community and to say that we are a different country to Britain, which should be recognised on a world-wide stage. Every citizen of our country is meant to feel happiness and pride when they hear this poem sung aloud. We know that this poem was written in a time when Aboriginals were not significant and that is why they are not included in this anthem. We also know that it was written in the past as McCormick used vocabulary such as 'girt' and 'toil'. We would recommend this poem to all citizens of Australia as it makes us and many others proud to live in such a beautiful country.

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