

## **FEDERATION**

Federation was the process by which the six separate British colonies of New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia united to become a single nation. On 1 January 1901, by force of the newly-created Constitution of Australia, the Commonwealth of Australia was formed and the six former colonies became states.

### **EXTENSION ACTIVITIES**

#### ***States jigsaw puzzle***

Give each student a copy of a map of Australia. Ask them to trace it onto a piece of cardboard, marking and colouring the states and territories. When the map is finished ask the students to cut out the states and territories, and to give the pieces to a friend to put together as a jigsaw puzzle.

#### ***Guess the area!***

Ask the students to visualise the map of Australia. Ask them to write down the order of the states and territories from smallest to largest. Show them a map of Australia to see if they were correct. Go through the map again and write down the area of each state and territory (the Geoscience Australia website will help with area information: see this page).

<http://www.ga.gov.au/education/facts/dimensions/areadime.htm###>