

Topic 7: Getting the message across

Work Sheet 7G: Then and Now



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Exercise 1

View the film footage from *Movietone News* on the videos *War Special! The sinking of the Kuttabul* and *Eight men lost at sea*.

For each video:

- identify the event that is happening
- list factual information about the event(s) portrayed
- identify the main message or idea
- analyse the spoken text to find evidence that illustrates that Sydney (and Australia) remain safe and secure
- identify appeals to the emotions including patriotism
- decide how the spoken text supports the visual text (film footage).

Select one of the visual texts and consider how it would be received by today's audiences. Plan a television news item and compare it with a newsreel from 1942. Identify differences in content, language, interpretation, and emphasis and try to explain why getting the message across in the 21st century might be different from the way it was during World War II.

Exercise 2

View the newspaper article, 'Japanese dead cremated'. Compare and contrast this article with the text used in the funeral film footage. Why are the differences so evident? Why might this article have been published?