Before 1901, Australia was six different colonies with different laws, customs, resources, taxes and armies. In 1899, Sir Henry Parkes organised a meeting about Federation and the six different colonies. He organised a referendum. WA and QLD didn't participate and NSW voted 'no'. WA held another referendum in 1899. Everyone participated, but WA voted 'no'. The others colonies said that if Federation was agreed, they would get a train track that goes from Perth to Adelaide. In 1900 WA had a referendum about Federation and they voted 'yes'. On January 1901, we became Australia. A referendum is a vote on a government policy.

Henry Parkes, the Father of Federation, came up with the idea of Federation so we wouldn't have to pay for these things: we could have a bigger army, the same laws, the same customs and resources. Sadly, Sir Henry Parkes died before we Federation.

Sir Edmund Barton was the first Prime Minister of Australia. He was appointed by Parliament. Edmund was Prime Minister until 1902. Edmund was one of the Prime Ministers that resigned from the job.

The Constitution of Australia is a book of rules that govern Australia. In the first Constitution, WA was mentioned in it but after the rewrite, Western Australia was not included.

The Separation of Power is the legislative, executive power and the judicial power. The legislator makes the laws, the executive puts the laws into practice and the judiciary enforces them.