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## **Preface**

British imperialism with all that it engenders and cataclysmic events like the two wars, had consequences for how Australians are seen by others and how they see themselves. This topic examines the external influence on Australian culture and the implications of this for a secure and prosperous future. In this final section of course we examine a number of historical turning points in the development of modern Australia during the twentieth century. We will look to the internal and external influences on the formation of an Australian culture. In the twentieth century Australian's national vision was shaped by catastrophes such as war and policy change in the area of immigration in the post war era. Furthermore, as Australian society moves towards multiculturalism in the late twentieth and twenty-first centuries we will highlight the richness and diversity of Australian culture since federation.