**Conscription Research Worksheet**

1. Using your own words, define ‘conscription’:
2. Give three reasons why, by 1916, Australia’s Prime Minister decided Australia should introduce conscription:
3. Using your own words, define ‘referendum’:
4. Give two reasons why the Prime Minister conducted referenda on the conscription issue:
5. Which do you think were the three strongest arguments supporting each case?

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| **Pro-Conscription Arguments** | **Anti-Conscription Arguments** |
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1. Although the results in both referenda were very close, why do you think the anti-conscription vote increase by 1917?
2. What do you think was the overriding reason for the failure of the referenda?
3. Who was Daniel Mannix and what was his view on conscription?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt during your research, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why was conscription such a divisive issue among Australians during WWI?*