

Listening Activity Questions for ABC radio interview about 'Across Great Divides'

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Click on: Link to '**Susan Boyer's ABC radio interview on 'Conversations with Richard Fidler'**

Answer the questions below with brief answers. Allow at least an hour to listen and respond.

Question 1: Time marker 00

1) Complete David Collins' words about the voyage of the First Fleet: '*All communication with family and friends now cut off, we are leaving the world behind us, to enter a state _____.*'

Question 2: Time marker 1:55

2) Why did Susan Boyer want to write about the arrival of the convicts of the First Fleet in Sydney Cove?

Question 3: Time marker 2:28

3) How was Governor Phillip prepared for being the leader of the First Fleet voyage?

Question 4: Time marker 3:45

4) What reactions did the convicts have to their arrival at Sydney Cove?

Question 5: Time marker 4:26

5) What did Lieutenant King say about the appearance of the British to the natives observing them?

Question 6: Time marker 4:50

6) What were some reactions of the Aboriginal people to the arrival of the First Fleet?

Question 7: Time marker 6:33

7) What was the reaction of Aboriginal people to a demonstration of British weapons?

Question 8: Time marker 7:18

8) How do we know today what the Aboriginal people, who encountered the First Fleet, thought?

Question 9: Time marker 8:38

9a) What account has been dramatised about the landing of female convicts in February 1788?

9b) Does author, Susan Boyer, think abuse of convict women would have been allowed by Governor Phillip?

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Question 10: Time marker 10:35

10) What was the intended role of convicts in Sydney Cove?

Question 11: Time marker 10:58

11) What did convict Ann Smith swear she would do when she arrived in Sydney Cove?

Question 12: Time marker 11:52

12) Where did some convicts plan to escape to and what were they given by others to aid their escape?

Question 13: Time marker 12:30

13) What kind of relationship did Phillip hope to have with the Aboriginal people and why didn't it succeed?

Question 14: Time marker 13:45

14) What information did the British have about what existed in the wilderness, west of Sydney Cove?

Question 15: Time marker 14:25

15) Stories about what kind of wild creatures circulated in the early weeks of the Sydney settlement?

Question 16: Time marker 15:04

16a) What did convict, Thomas Barrett do during the voyage of the First Fleet?

16b) What is Thomas Barrett credited with creating after the fleet arrived in Botany Bay?

Question 17: Time marker 16:50

17) What happened to Thomas Barrett?

Question 18: Time marker 17:45

18) What was one cause of increasing tension between the British and Aboriginal people?

Question 19: Time marker 18:20

19) What plan did Governor Phillip develop to show the Aboriginal people the benefits of 'civilisation'?

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Question 20: Time marker 18:35

20) How was a man, Arabanoo, brought into Sydney Cove and what was his reaction?

Question 21: Time marker 20:27

21) What did Arabanoo think would happen to him when he was brought into Governor Phillip's dining room?

Question 22: Time marker 21:17

22) How did Arabanoo later respond to life in Sydney Cove?

Question 23: Time marker 23:12

23) What happened to bring Arabanoo's time in Sydney Cove to an end?

Question 24: Time marker 24:14

24) Who were Nanberry and Boorong and what happened to them in Sydney Cove?

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Question 25: Time marker 25:44

25) What unpleasant task was William Bradley ordered to do?

Question 26: Time marker 26:58

26) What happened to Bennelong after Colbee escaped from Sydney Cove?

Question 27: Time marker 27:54

27) What kind of relationship did Bennelong have with Governor Phillip and what did he show him?

Question 28: Time marker 29:18

28) How did Bennelong escape?

Question 29: Time marker 29:36

29) What happened when British ships finally arrived with supplies?

Question 30: Time marker 30:17

30) What was the condition of the convicts of the 'Second Fleet' when they arrived in Sydney Cove?

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Question 31 Time marker 31:41

31) What happened to Governor Phillip after meeting Bennelong again (after he escaped from Sydney)?

Question 32 Time marker 34:52

32) After his recovery, what was Governor Phillip's ultimate response to the spearing incident?

Question 33 Time marker 35:54

33) When Bennelong returned voluntarily to Sydney with his Aboriginal friends, what did he show them?

Question 34 Time marker 37:31

34) What happened between an Aboriginal man, Pemulwuy and the convict John McEntire?

Question 35 Time marker 39:29

35) What did Governor Phillip order Watkin Tench to do in reaction to Pemulwuy's murder of McEntire?

Question 36 Time marker 40:14

36) What happened during Tench's expedition to Botany Bay?

Question 37 Time marker 41:46

37) What happened to Bennelong's wife, Barangaroo after giving birth, and what did Bennelong request?

Question 38 Time marker 43:00

38) When Phillip left Sydney for England in 1792, accompanied by Bennelong, how had Sydney changed?

Question 39 Time marker 44:53

39) In the opinion of interviewer, Richard Fidler, what themes run through *Across Great Divides: True Stories of Life at Sydney Cove*?

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

Question 40 Time marker 45:22

40) What stories of the past does author, Susan Boyer, hope will become more widely known and what reaction to the true stories of life at Sydney Cove does she hope her book will inspire?
