

This **Resource** Book offers a range of resource material to engage and stimulate interest in **Australian History** topics of the Australian Curriculum (Primary & Secondary levels). It also provides varied activities for English language and literacy practice, and for promoting classroom interaction.

Some activities draw on sections of the narrative account in the publication, *'Stories of Life at Sydney Cove'* by Susan Boyer, as it conveys the experience of life in Australia's first colony, for the British settlers as well as the Aboriginal people.

The story excerpts and activities aim to build and enrich 'historical knowledge and understanding', including, but not limited to, the following content areas:

➤ **'First contacts'**

Stories of the First Fleet, including who travelled to Australia, reasons for the journey, and their experiences following arrival.

➤ **'The Australian Colonies'**

The nature of convict or colonial presence, including factors that influenced patterns of development, aspects of the daily life of the inhabitants (including Aboriginal Peoples) and how the environment changed.

➤ **'Australia in the past and present'**

The significance of events, ideas and people's contributions in influencing Australia's development

➤ **'The Making of the Modern World' - Movement of peoples 1750-1901**

Experiences of convicts and free settlers upon departure, their journey, and their reactions on arrival, including the Australian experience.

This resource also provides activities involving **listening, reading, speaking and writing** to support learning areas for English.

Activities in this resource book include:

- Posing questions and sourcing information and answers
- Recognising different perspectives
- Developing intercultural understanding and empathy
- Identifying change and continuity
- Describing causes and effects of change
- Engaging in discussions to share information and ideas
- Creating & presenting informative, persuasive & imaginative texts (including narrative)
- Planning and giving multimodal presentations
- Listening and interpreting ideas and information in spoken texts
- Listening to and responding to an author interview (links to listening texts are provided)



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