

First Fleet

Port Jackson

Overview and learning outcomes

In this activity you will:

- Look closely at early depictions of the geography of Botany Bay and Port Jackson
- Describe your impressions of the landscape in the artwork
- Compare your impressions with journal extracts from 1788
- Identify and evaluate the decision to locate the first settlement in 1788 not where Cook had expected in 1770.
- Write a newspaper article.

Stage 2 students could discuss the key questions as a class with guidance from the teacher. Stage 4 students could work independently and are expected to respond in more depth.

HSIE K-6, Stage 2	
CCS2.1 Describes events and actions related to the British colonisation of Australia and assesses changes and consequences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses various sources for reconstructing the past, eg journals, maps and artworks • Refers to different viewpoints and perspectives on a historical issue
English K-6, Stage 2	
Interprets graphics Reads complex recounts Retells and discusses interpretations Draws on knowledge of context to work out word meanings	
History 7-10, Stage 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifies the meaning, purpose and context of historical sources • draws conclusions about the usefulness of sources as evidence in an inquiry • identifies different contexts, perspectives and interpretations of the past 	
Students learn about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the process of historical inquiry: fact and opinion • the usefulness of sources as evidence including a website • differing perspectives 	Students learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask historical questions • distinguish between fact and opinion • draw some conclusions about the usefulness of sources • examine differing historical

cause and effect <ul style="list-style-type: none">• history as the study of people• British contact with Aboriginal peoples to 1820	perspectives and interpretations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recall the nature of early British contact with Aboriginal peoples to 1820
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