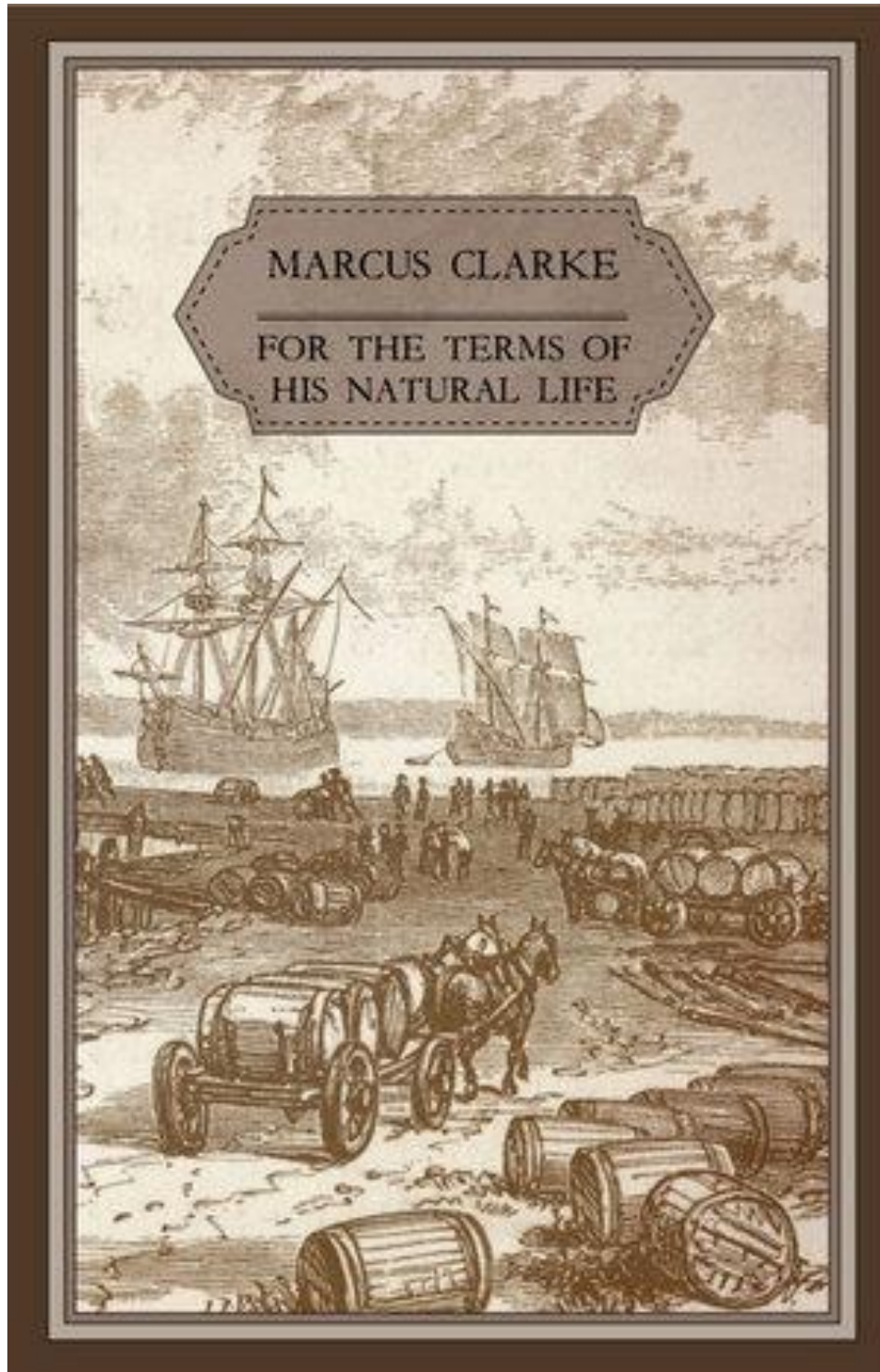


# For the Term of his Natural Life



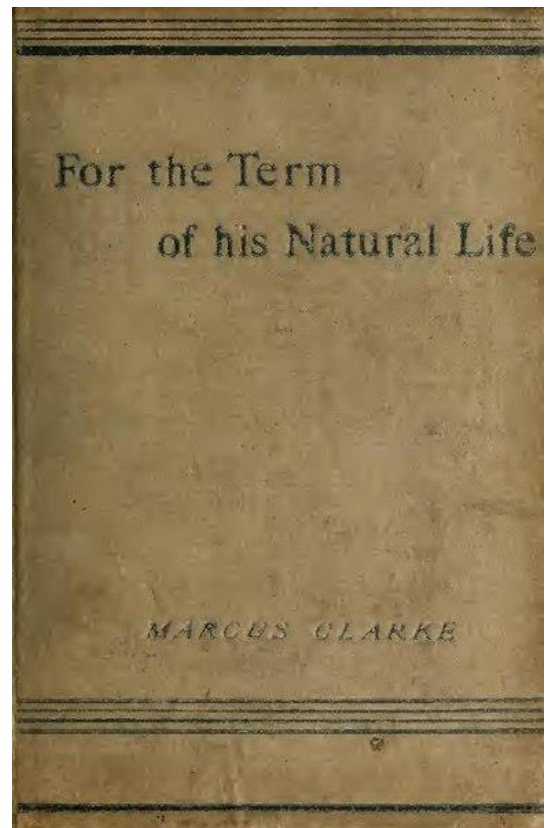
**By T. Shaw**

### **About the book**

For the Term of *His Natural Life*, written by Marcus Clarke, is the best known novelisation of life as a convict in early Australian history, relating the epic odyssey of Rufus Dawes, a young man transported to a Tasmanian penal settlement for a murder he did not commit. A powerful tale that captures the strength of the human spirit and its enduring belief for compassion to overcome adversity.

### **Online version:**

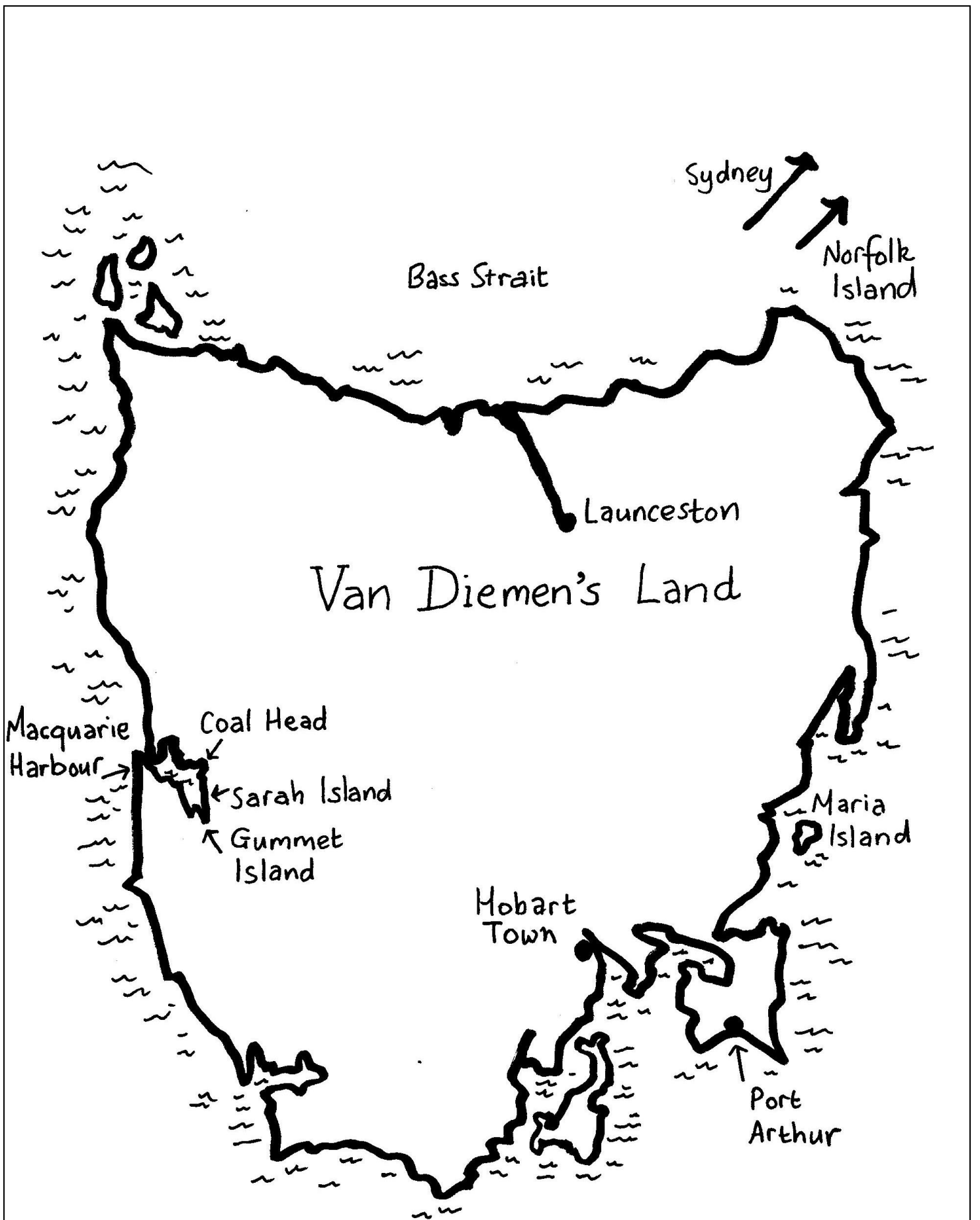
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### **About the author**

Australian writer Marcus Andrew Hislop Clarke, known as Marcus Clarke, was born in Kensington, London. His mother died when he was just a small child and he was raised by his father, a lawyer. Marcus Clarke moved to Victoria, Australia, where he had an uncle in the provincial town of Ararat and landed in Melbourne in June 1863. In 1869 Clarke married the actress Marian Dunn and shortly afterwards they started to raise a family of six children. He died of pleurisy at the age of thirty-five. He was a courageous journalist writing about Melbourne's underworld and was the author of the classic *For the Term of his Natural Life*. Which has been in print since it was first published in 1874.





Story locations

## Sarah Island today





*Views in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land: Australian scrap book 1830 - Government jail gang, London: J. Cross, 1830*

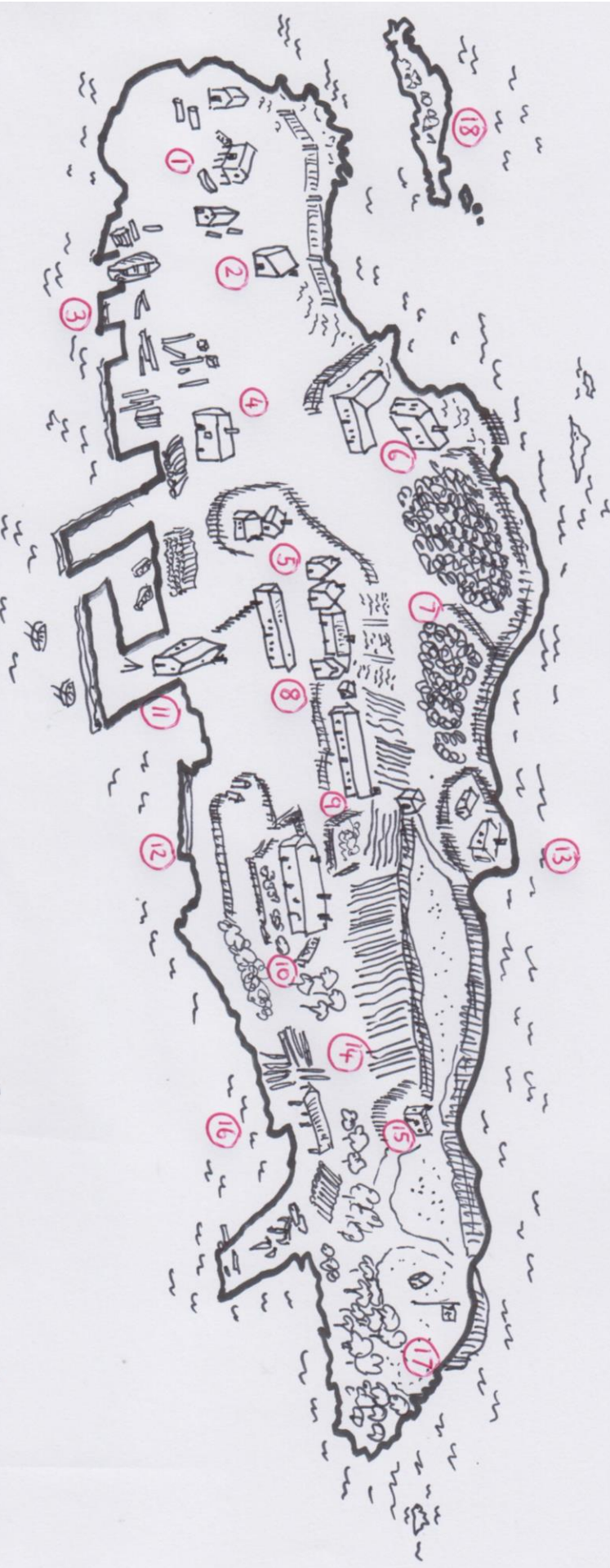


*Prison-ship in Portsmouth Harbour, convicts going aboard, Edward William Cooke, 1828, hand-coloured etching. Rex Nan Kivell Collection, National Library of Australia: an9058453*



**Marcus Clarke**

# Sarah Island



- ① Shipwrights shed  
Boat crew hut
- ② Blacksmith
- ③ Slips
- ④ School
- ⑤ Cookhouse  
Commandant's quarters  
Master ship builders hut
- ⑥ Old Penitentiary and new  
penitentiary
- ⑦ Gardens
- ⑧ Bakehouse  
Tannery  
Cald
- ⑨ Military Barracks  
Chaplain's Quarters
- ⑩ Engineers, surgeons  
Commandant's Quarters
- ⑪ Commissariat
- ⑫ Commandant's  
wharf
- ⑬ Hospital and mortuary
- ⑭ New Sawpits  
and gardens
- ⑮ Gardener's hut
- ⑯ Spitz
- ⑰ Signal house
- ⑱ One Tree  
Island.

## Activities

- Create a police file on the murder of Lord Bellasis (We discover more information about it further into the book.) **BLM provided.**
- Our hero Rufus Dawes is transported out to Australia in barbaric conditions. **(Complete the cut-away prison ship/hulk illustration. BLM provided)**
- Create a fact file on the Transportation system. **(BLM provided)**
- Create character profiles for the major characters in the story. The characters change a lot over time so you will need to add to the profiles during the book.
- Complete the quotes activity **(BLM provided)**
- Complete the glossary activity **(BLM provided)**
- Write down a plan for the mutiny aboard the *Malabar*.
- Complete a map of south-eastern Australia showing important locations in the story (Including Macquarie Harbour, Port Arthur, Norfolk Island, Sydney) **BLM provided.** How does the east coast of Tasmania differ from the west coast?
- Convicts received lashes from the cat-of-nine-tails for often very minor infringements. (Refer the punishment inflicted on Kirkland) Illustrate and explain the process and purpose of a form of punishment used against convicts.
- Dawes was thought to have died on Grummet Island. Complete a death certificate for him. **(BLM provided)**
- Create a soldier and convict paper doll **(BLM provided)**
- Write a front-page story in the *Hobart Town Gazette* about the trial. **(BLM provided)**
- Write one of Dawe's letters to the Governor.



- Create a 'report card' for a prisoner **(BLM provided)** or a **prison record (BLM provided)**
- Create a fact file on either Port Arthur or Norfolk Island.
- Write a diary entry by Mr North about life on Norfolk Island. **(BLM provided)**
- Explain the 'love triangle' between Frere, North and Dawes with Sylvia in the middle. **(BLM provided)**
- In the conclusion of the story, *The Lady Franklin* sinks and Dawes and Sylvia die. Re-write the last chapter to give it a happy ending.
- Create a poster project on either the Tasmanian tiger or Tasmanian devil.
- Complete the crossword and wordsearch provided.



*NOTE: Images in this unit are from historical websites, sketches by the author or images from the 1927 silent movie. All photos are in the public domain.*

*An abridged version of the novel was read as a serial to the students (Creating character profiles and using the maps and images provided helped keep track of the complex story) This unit was completed over 3 weeks.*

**Police Report**

Type of crime: .....

Address/location of crime: .....

Name of victims:.....

Name of main witnesses:.....

Description of the crime: .....

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.....

Unusual aspects of the crime: .....

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.....

List of evidence.....

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

Officer in charge: .....

Signature: .....Date: .....

Crime scene photo

No: ..... Name James Draves Date when Portrait was taken 29 June 1897

Native place Grainward 76W

Year of birth 1859

Arrived in } Ship  
Colony } Year

Trade or occupation } Farmer  
previous to conviction }

Religion Pennan Catholic

Education, degree of 7th



Height, without shoes, 5 feet 7<sup>3/4</sup> inches

Weight { On committal 147 lbs  
On discharge

Colour of hair Dark

Colour of eyes Blue

Marks or special features: Scar on  
upper part right  
thumb laceration  
finger left hand

Refer to page 28 for a version for you to create.

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## Transport System

Investigate the 'Convict Transportation System'

Transportation had been employed as a punishment for both major and petty crimes since the 17th century. About 60,000 convicts were transported to the British colonies in North America in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries under the terms of the Transportation Act 1717. Following the American Revolution over 165,000 convicts were sent out to Australia from 1788 to the 1860s.



a convict chain gang in Sydney, New South Wales

Research the convict transport system and answer these questions:

- Why were convicts sent out to Australia?
- What was a prison hulk?
- What crimes led to prisoners being transported? How did that change over time?
- What was life, like for transported convicts?
- Why did transportation end?

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## Quotes

*If I catch you on the main deck again. I'll have you put in chains.*

*You think 'm a good man, but 'm not. I promised you I would speak to Mrs Frere about you. I did not. I lied to you, and Sylvia is leaving for Sydney today. You will never see her again!*

*Sometimes I seem to dream. In that dream you are not my dear Maurice, and you are not good and kind. You are scowling and angry and I am afraid.*

*I won't flog anymore, get someone else to do your dirty work for you. I won't!*

*So, you're back Dawes. It's nice to have the pleasure of your company again. Come on down and join us.*

*We mean to sail this ship around the world.*

*Why don't you flog em? By George sir, I cut the skin off my fellows if they show any nonsense.*

*I can see you, Captain Frere! Coward and liar!*

*They were going to hang me once; I wish they had. My God, I wish they had.*

*Oh Papa, take me away! I feel as if I will remember something terrible.*

Choose from these characters: Frere, Rex, Dawes, Sylvia, Constable Troke, Mr. North

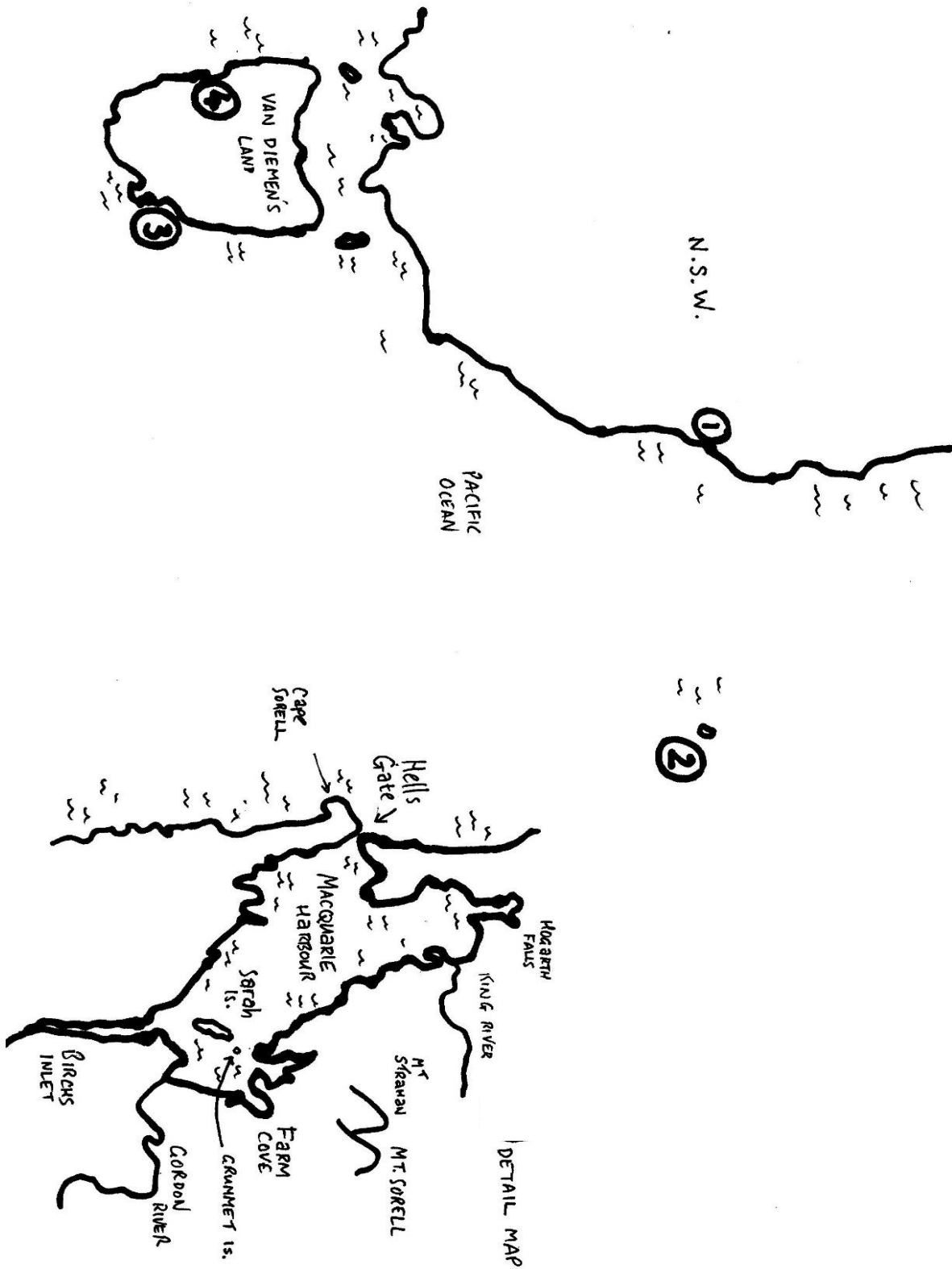
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## Glossary

riot	<i>A guard, especially a soldier posted at a given spot to prevent the passage of unauthorized persons.</i>
mutiny	<i>bad-tempered and sulky</i>
sentry	<i>theft or misappropriation of funds placed in one's trust or belonging to one's employer:</i>
delirious	<i>A riot is a form of civil disorder commonly characterized by a group lashing out in a violent public disturbance against authority, property, or people.</i>
ruffian	<i>a room in a large private house in which guests can be received and entertained.</i>
bleak	<i>a violent criminal or troublemaker.</i>
embezzlement	<i>(Especially in Wales and Ireland) a small round boat made of wickerwork covered with a watertight material, propelled with a paddle.</i>
Sullen	<i>An open rebellion against the proper authorities, especially by soldiers or sailors against their officers:</i>
Castaway	<i>a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle</i>
Drawing-room	<i>A castaway is a person who is cast adrift or ashore. While the situation usually happens after a shipwreck, some people voluntarily stay behind on a deserted island, either to evade captors or the world in general. A person may also be left ashore as punishment.</i>
Coracle	<i>(of an area of land) lacking vegetation and exposed to the element or cold and miserable or (of a situation) not hopeful or encouraging; unlikely to have a favourable outcome</i>
traitor	<i>in an acutely disturbed state of mind characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence; affected by delirium</i>

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# Map



Label the map and colour it in.

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**DEATH CERTIFICATE**

Full name of deceased: .....

Age: ..... Occupation: .....

Single/married/ widow or widower.....

Birthplace .....

Last place of residence.....

Place of death.....

Father and mother's names: .....

Country of their birth: .....

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased during the last illness and that ..... died on  
the .....day of .....18.....; and that the cause of  
death was ..... and it was caused by:

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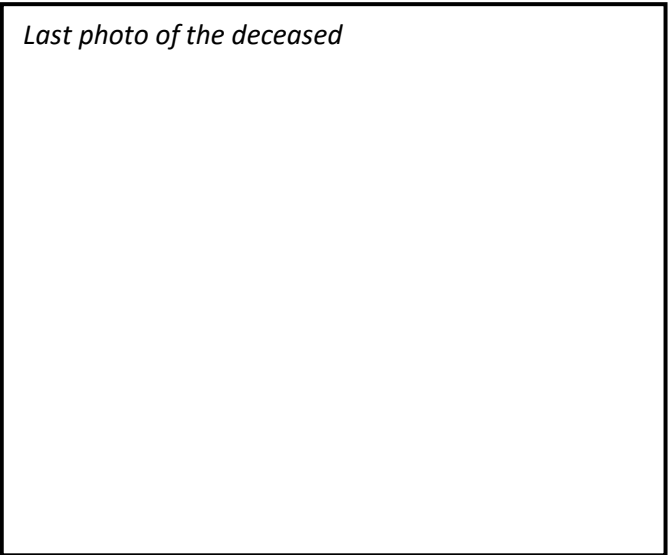
Length of illness.....

Medical attendant:  
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Signature: .....

Place of burial:  
.....

Date: .....



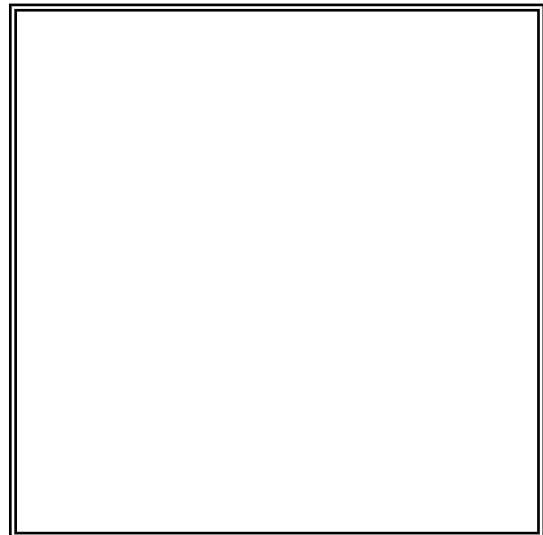


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# *Hobart Town Gazette*

*1 penny*

*June 15<sup>th</sup> 1834*



# PRISON RECORD

Name: .....

Prison .....

Crime .....

Sentence: .....years

Prison number: .....

Warder: .....

*A = Outstanding*

*B = satisfactory*

*C = Failure*

## Behaviour

.....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
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 .....

## Punishment administered

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 .....  
 .....  
 .....

## Commandant:

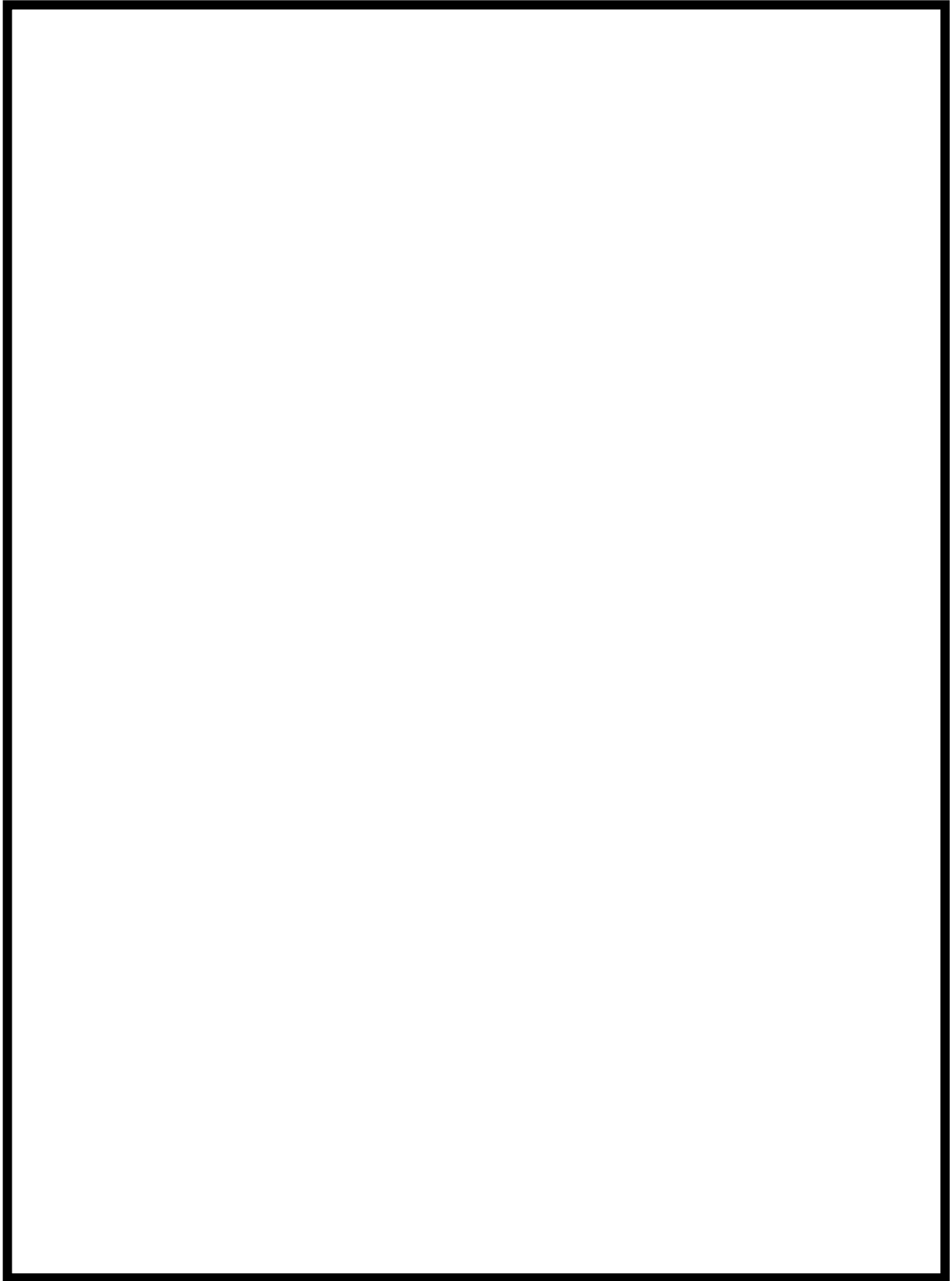
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Date: .....

<i>SUBJECT</i>	<i>GRADE</i>	<i>COMMENT</i>
Imagination		
Honesty		
Courage		
obedience		
Work habits/strength		
obedience		

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Diary Entry

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, occupying the central portion of the page. It is intended for a diary entry.

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Love Triangle

*Frere*



Dawes

Mr North

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### Poster Project



#### *Tasmanian tiger at the Melbourne Museum*

Create a poster project on an indigenous Tasmanian animal.

Consider 5 questions to answer about your chosen animal.

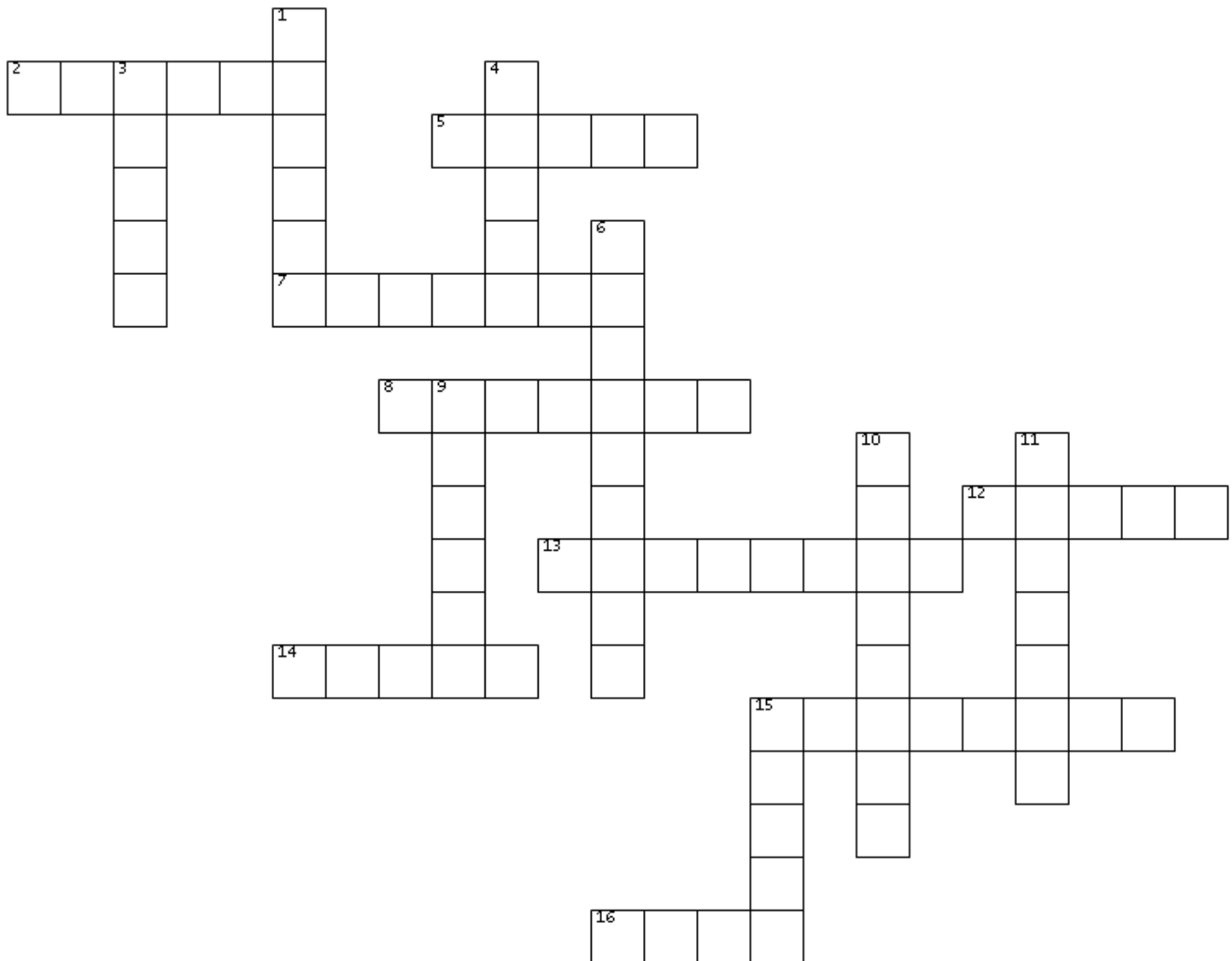


Also consider:

- Bennett's wallaby
- Tasmanian emu (extinct)
- Smooth handfish
- Lake Pedder earthworm

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## Crossword



### ACROSS

- 2. Illegally taking control of a ship at sea.
- 5. The prison in Macquarie Island was called .....Island.
- 7. Sylvia suffered..... and couldn't remember that it was Dawes who saved her not Frere.
- 8. Newspaper name - The Hobart Town .....
- 12. The reverend Mr .....
- 13. The schooner was called the .....
- 14. Mr North kept a daily .....

15. The Lady ..... sank.

16. Dawes left a little parcel with .....cloth.

### **DOWN**

1. Major Vickers's young daughter

3. Cat-of-nine-.....

4. Rufus .....

6. Frere, Mrs Vickers, and Sylvia were ..... on Sarah Island.

9. Convicts were moved from Sarah Island to Port.....

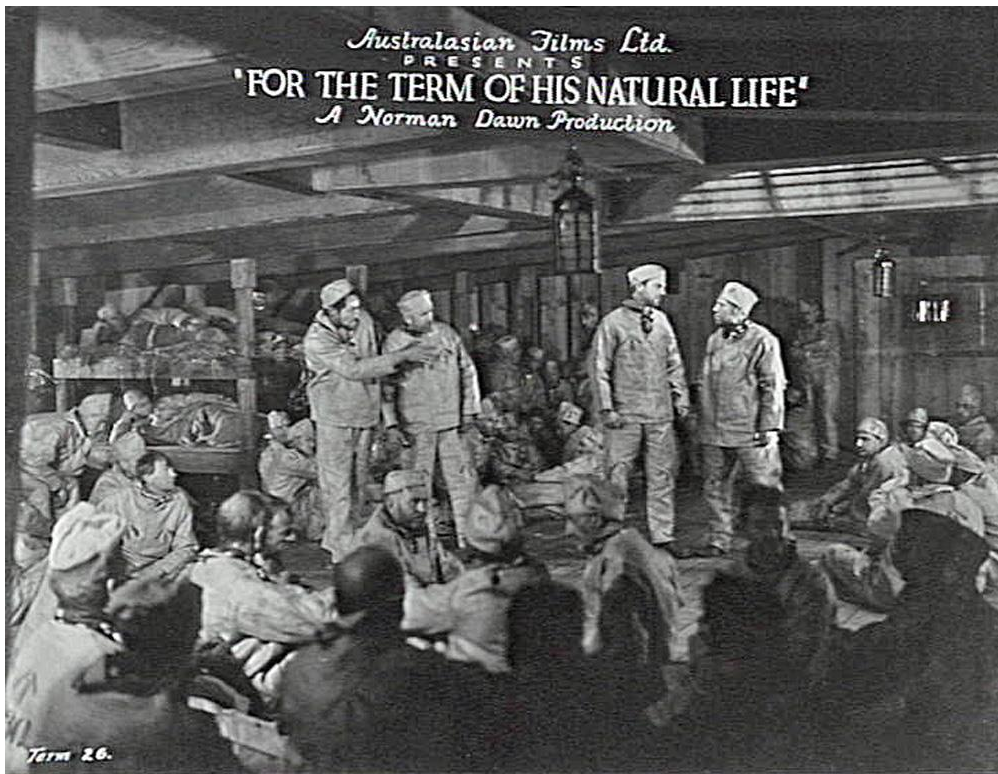
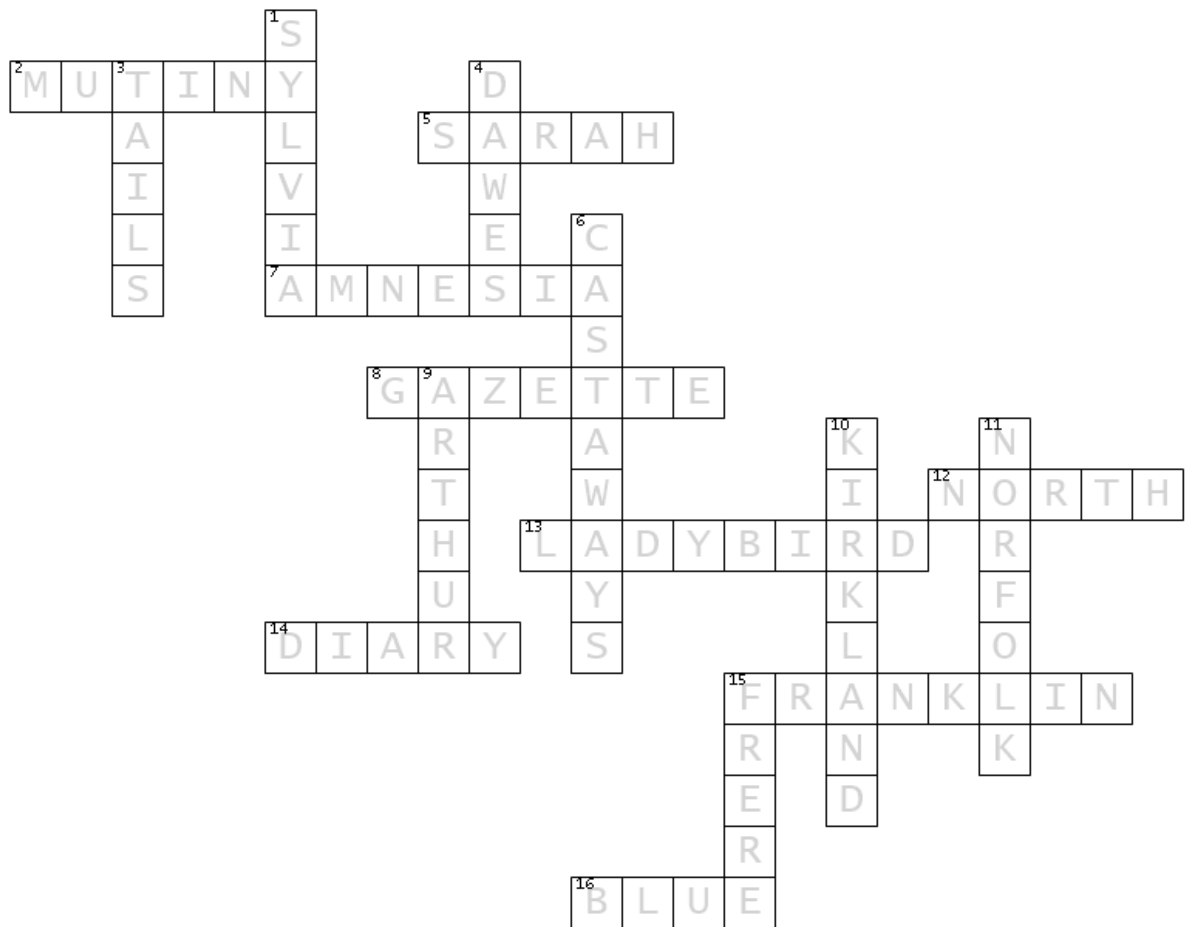
10. Young ..... died when he was flogged.

11. A penal colony was established on ..... Island

15. The Lady..... sank in the storm.



answers





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### Wordsearch

L A D Y F R A N K L I N T I H  
F I S H V K N K S Y S X T Y A  
L V J L M U L O F M S C R Z R  
O F U J G O Q J R J F U S B A  
G V V B F R F F S T I B U Z S  
G A D R D D D A Y Y H K R N D  
I L O I N C A S T E R W A Y E  
N N A A C M A X I T C X V E N  
G R L B U C A M N F D G D S O  
Y S Z T V D Q I N W V Q A C O  
I M I E R E R F V E T H W A R  
S N I U O X P T J L S I E P A  
Y T E M M U R G O C Y I S E M  
C O N V I C T S K X W S A M F  
D R I B Y D A L E R G N E P P

amnesia      Sylvia      convicts

Dawes      diary      escape

flogging      frere      Grummet

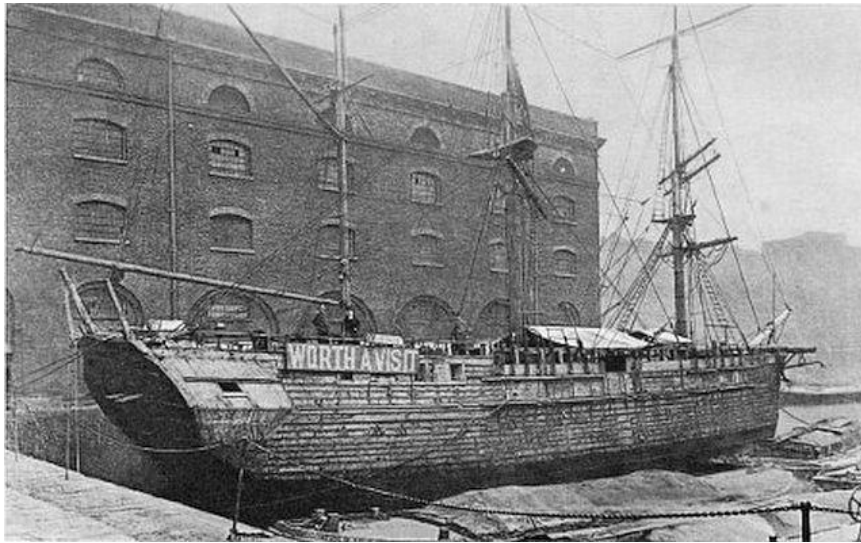
island      ladybird      Lady Franklin

marooned      mutiny      Norfolk

North      Sarah

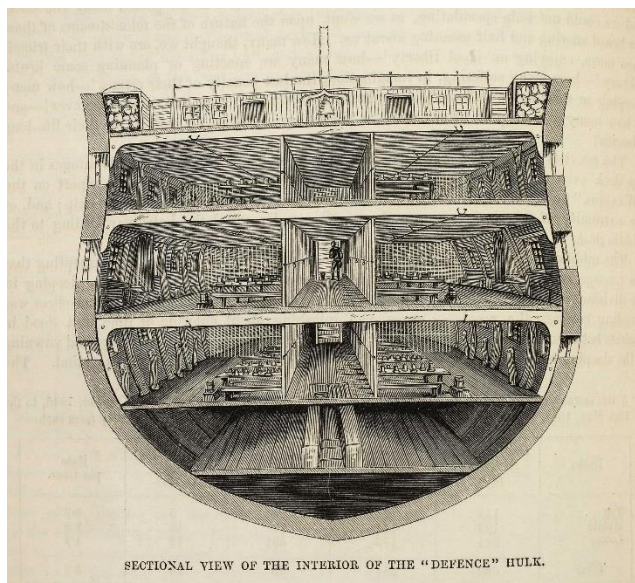
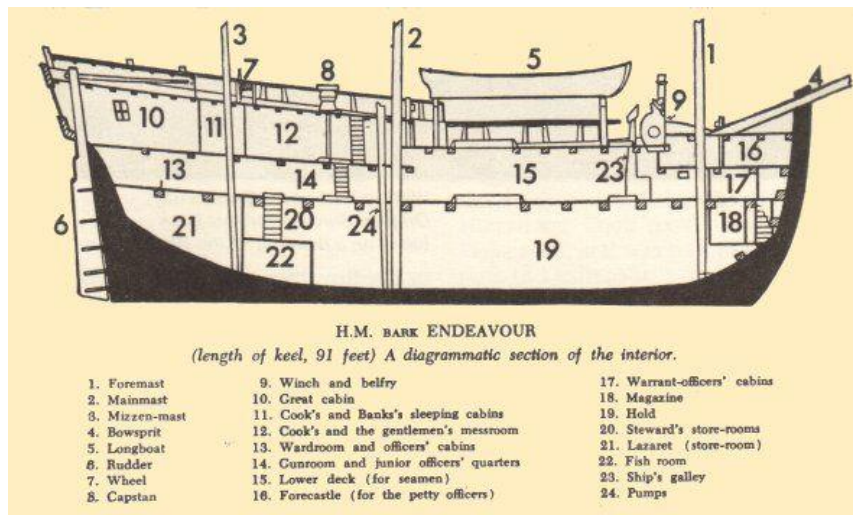


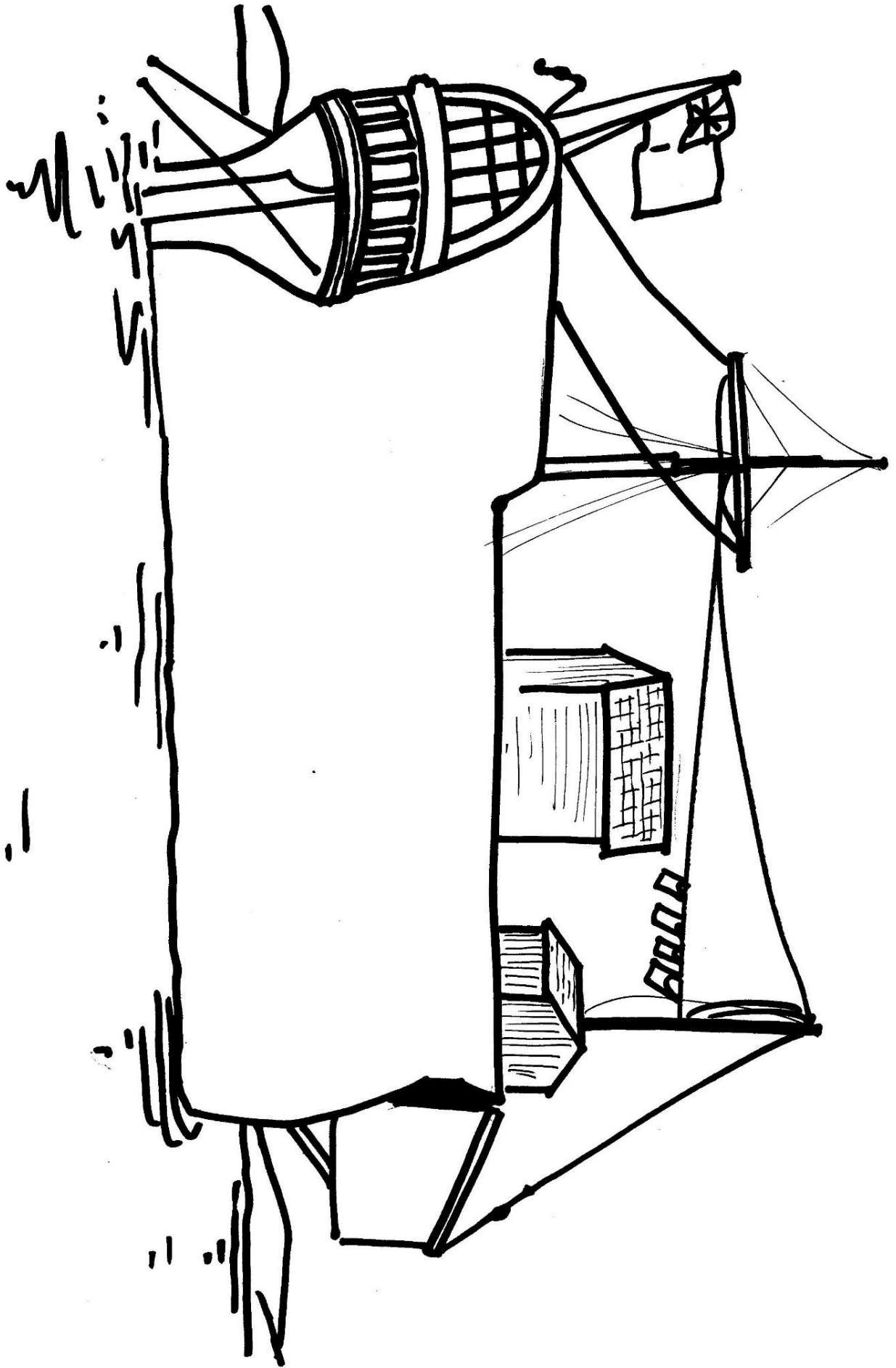
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Convict ship  
(worth a visit  
apparently)  
tourist attraction  
late 1800s in  
Hobart.

Cross section of  
the Endeavour  
and a cross-  
section of an Irish  
prison hulk.





# Prisoner Record

Number: ..... Name: ..... Date when portrait was taken: .....



Native place: .....

Year of birth: .....

Arrived in the colony

Ship:.....

Year: .....

Trade or occupation previous to

Conviction:

.....

Religion: .....

Education: .....

Height .....m .....cm

Weight.....kg.....g

Colour of hair:.....

Colour of eyes: .....

Marks or distinguishing features

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Front

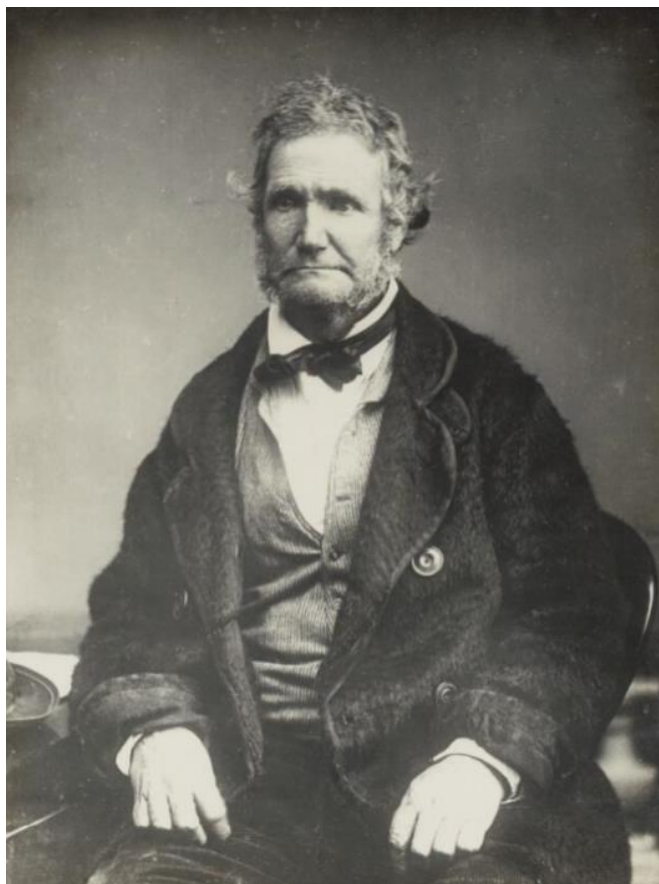
Profile

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During the colonisation of Van Diemen's Land some convicts were sent into the bush with guns and dogs to hunt for food for the struggling colony. Some decided to leave behind the hardships of penal life and remain at large. Others simply wandered off (especially from Sarah Island when they went to work on the mainland.) Many escapees died in the bush while others survived by stealing and trading and became known as bushrangers.

Create a wanted poster for one of these bushrangers and include some facts about them on the poster. Choose from:

- Michael Howe
- Matthew Brady
- Thomas Jeffries
- Mosquito
- Alexander Pierce
- Martin Cash (*Photo of him in old age*)

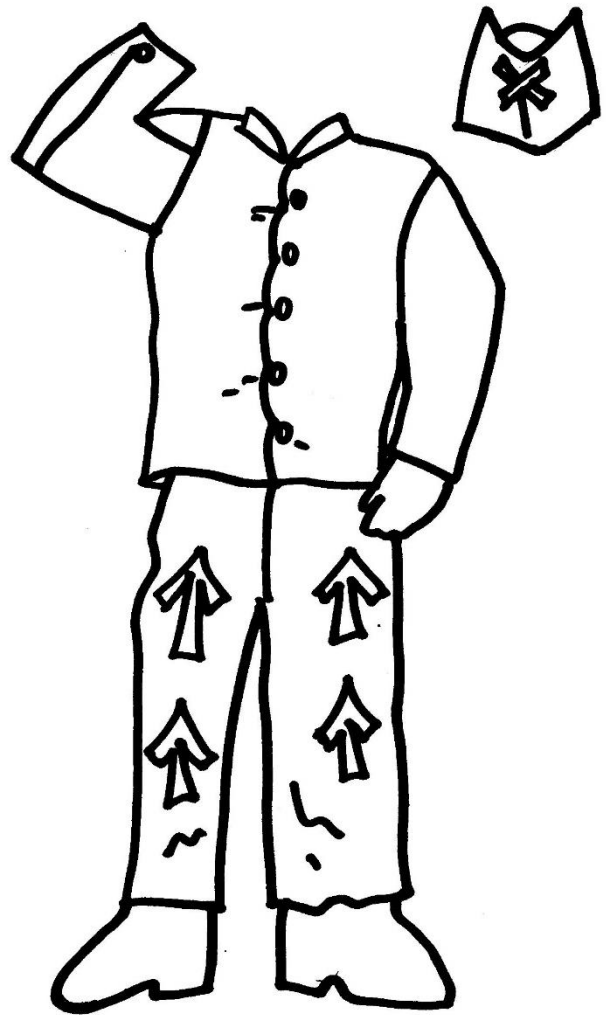
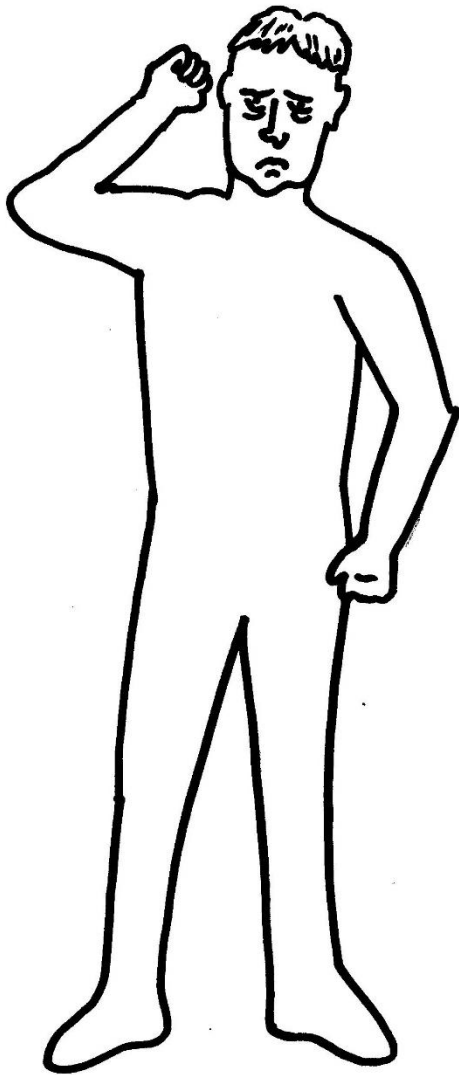
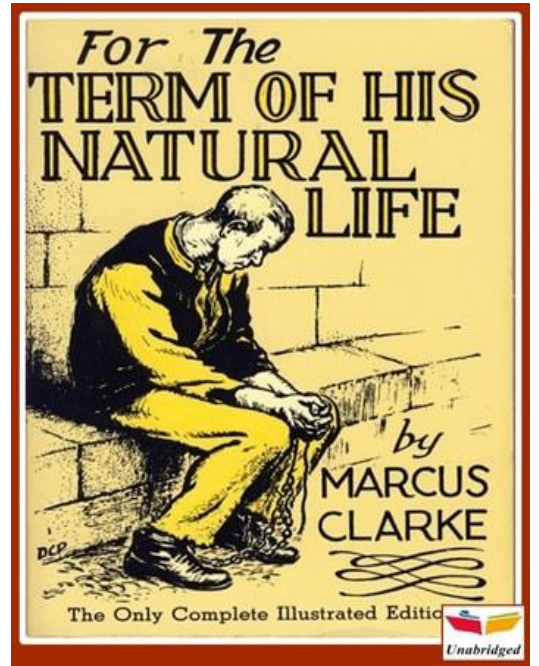


### ***Creative Writing***

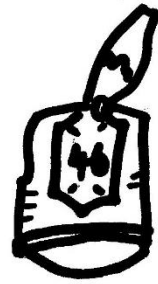
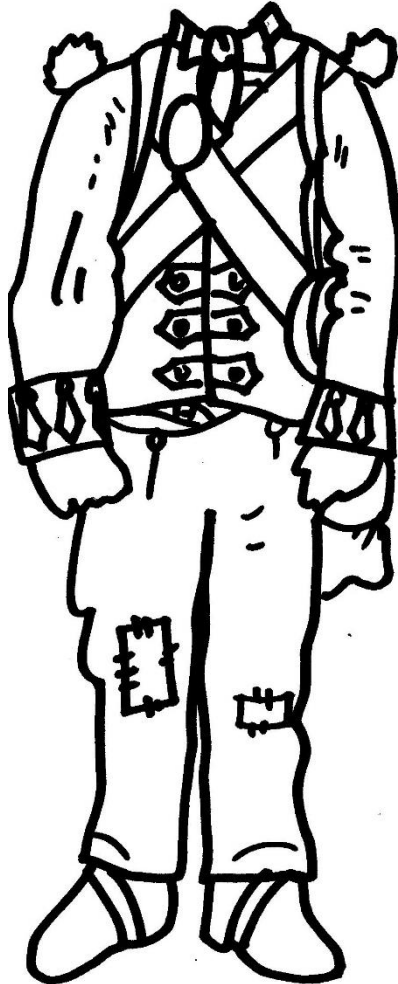
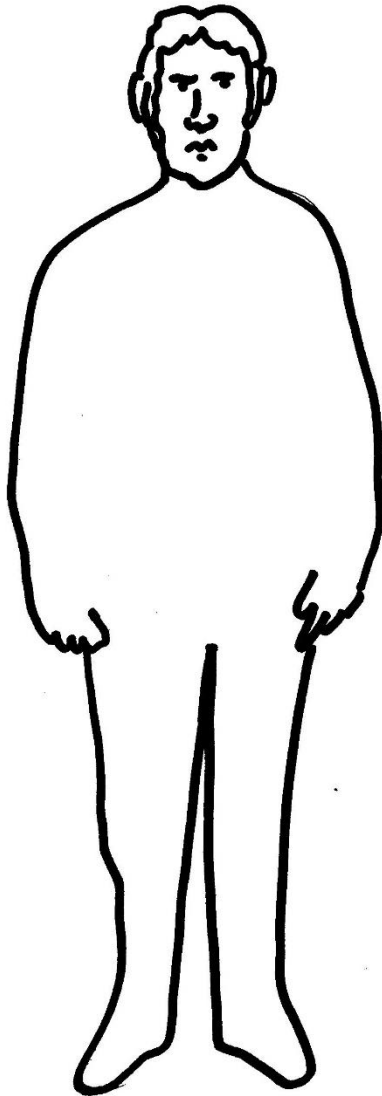
Write a story about a day in the life of a convict on Sarah Island or Port Arthur.

Alternatively write about being framed like Rufus and fighting for justice.

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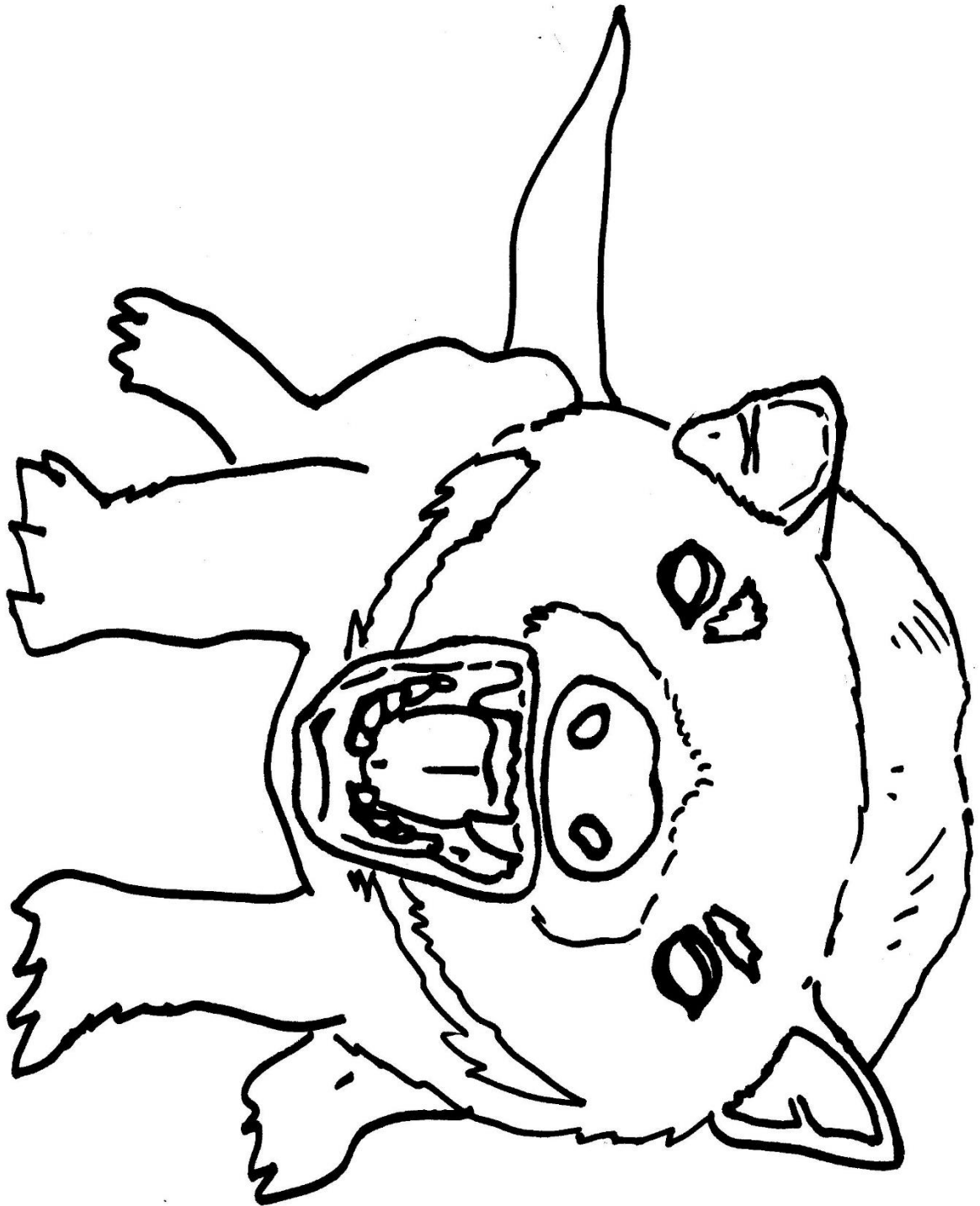
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Enlarge on A3 card



## Gum Leaf halo picture (Enlarge to A3)



### DIRECTIONS

- Go outside and collect different kinds of leaves
- Colour in and cut out an Australian native animal (I've included a Tasmanian devil)
- Use sticky tape or PVA to attach the leaves to the back. Glue it onto cover paper.



## Silhouette picture

### DIRECTIONS

- Paint a bright sunset using poster paint, crayons, or water colour paint. (Use reds, yellows, and oranges. There are lots of images for inspiration available online)
- On black card sketch a silhouette of a sailing ship or the ruins of Port Arthur. Norfolk Island pines or a Tasmanian bush image. Cut out the unwanted black card (you may need to use a Stanley knife to cut around detailed sketches with teacher support) and then glue it down over the top of the sky image.
- Also (if available) consider bark paintings of native animals. (Refer photos below) We had access to large sheets of gum tree bark.



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*Photo taken at Old Melbourne Gaol*



The treatment of convicts in Van Diemen's Land was very cruel. Norfolk Island was notorious for its savagery. What was the cat-of-nine-tails and why was it used? (Refer to the treatment of Kirkland)

**Photos (taken by the author) to use for research, projects, extension activities or stimulus pictures for creative/descriptive writing.**

**Scenes from Hobart and Port Arthur**

















## Mid Victorian era (Ballarat Gaol and Queenscliff Fort)

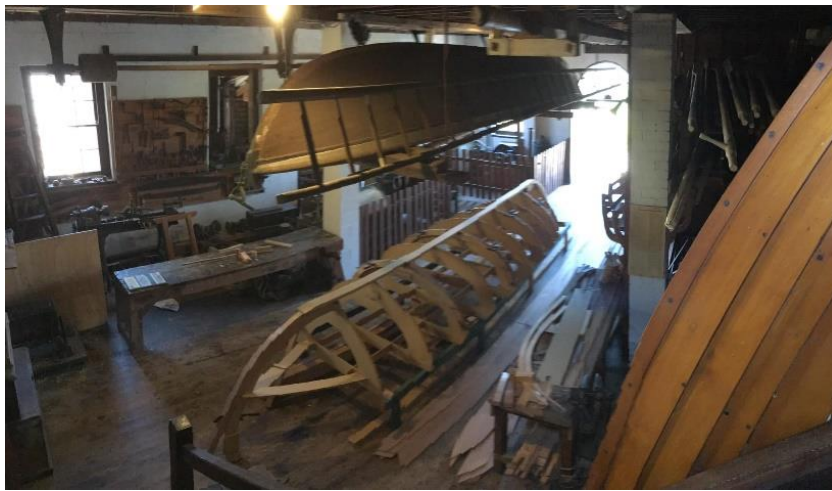


## Werribee Mansion



## Sovereign Hill and Flagstaff Hill













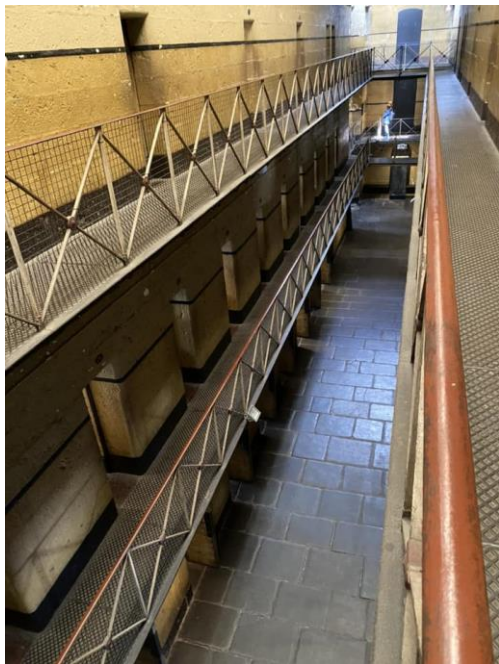


**Rural scenes (cave, rushing river and stone wall)**





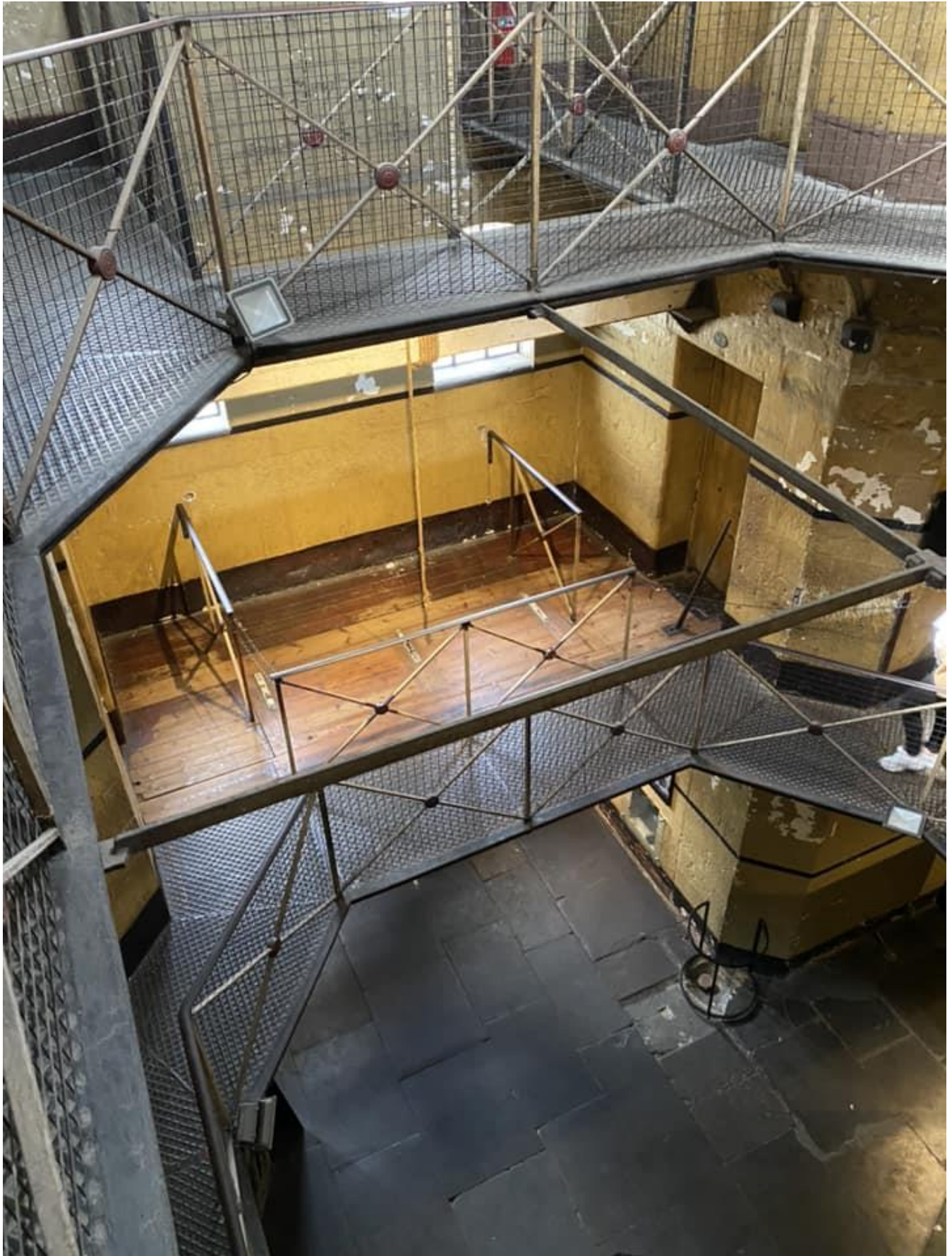
## Images from Old Melbourne Gaol











# Student work



By Lola.

**Prisoner Record**

Number: 112 Name: Rufus Dawes Date when portrait was taken: 1833

Native place: England

Year of birth: 28/6/1800

Arrived in the colony  
 Ship: Malabar

Year: 1833

Trade or occupation previous to  
 Conviction: Farmer

Religion: Anglican

Education: University

Height: 1.2 m cm

Weight: 90 kg

Colour of hair: Ginger

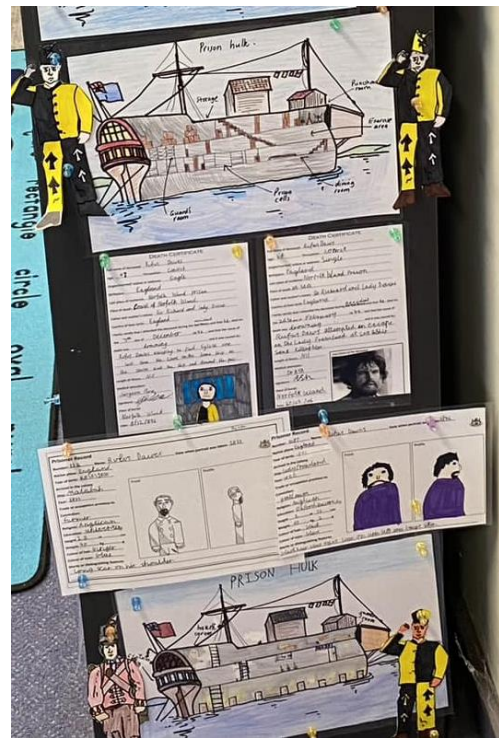
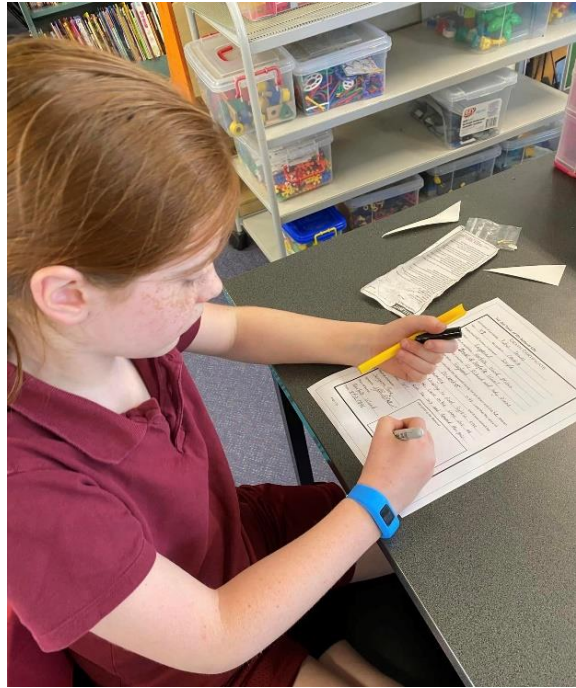
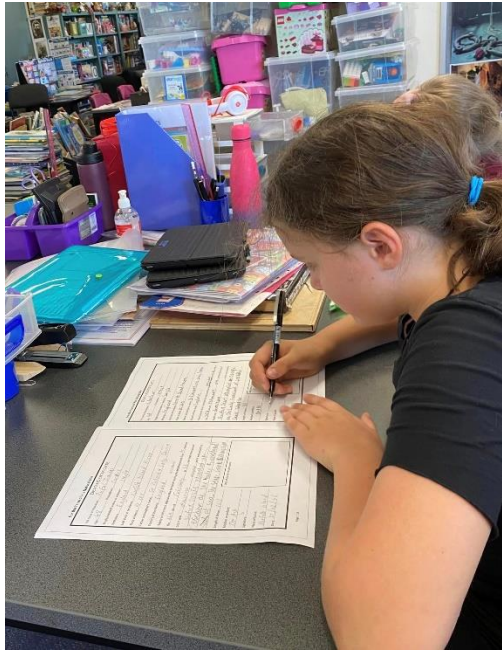
Colour of eyes: Blue

Marks or distinguishing features  
 Long scar on his shoulder.

Front Profile







### DEATH CERTIFICATE

Full name of deceased: Rufus Dawes

Age: 48 Occupation: Convict

Single/married/ widow or widower: Single

Birthplace: England

Last place of residence: Norfolk Island Prison

Place of death: Coast of Norfolk Island

Father and mother's names: Sir Richard and Lady Divine

Country of their birth: England

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased during the last illness and that he died on the 7th day of December 1846; and that the cause of death was drowning and it was caused by Rufus Dawes escaping to find Sylvia one last time the were on the same ship as the storm sunk the ship and drowned the pair.


Length of illness: Nil

Medical attendant: Surgeon Pine

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Place of burial: Norfolk Island

Date: 8/12/1846



### DEATH CERTIFICATE

Full name of deceased: Rufus Dawes

Age: 48 Occupation: Convict

Single/married/ widow or widower: Single

Birthplace: England

Last place of residence: Norfolk Island Prison

Place of death: at sea

Father and mother's names: Sir Richard and Lady Divine

Country of their birth: England

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased during the last illness and that he died on the 26th day of February 1846; and that the cause of death was drowning and it was caused by Rufus Dawes attempted an escape on the Lady Frankland at sea the ship sank killing him.


Length of illness: Nil

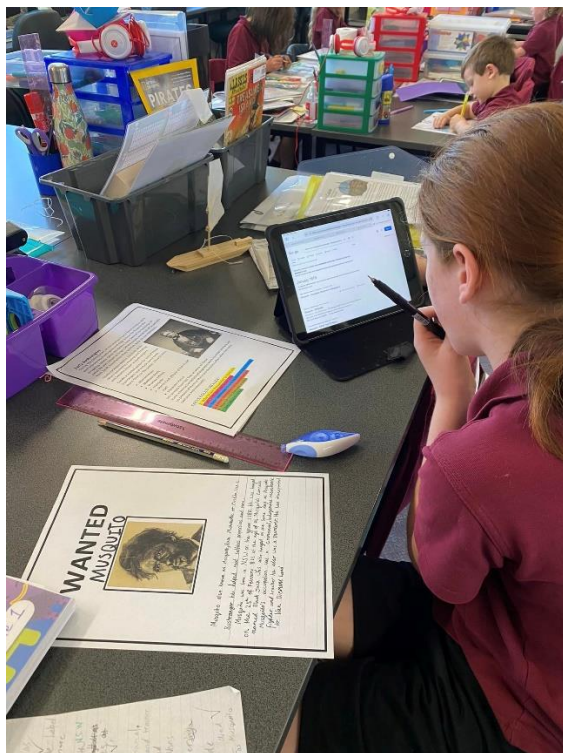
Medical attendant: Dr. Ash

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*


Place of burial: Norfolk Island

Date: 27/02/1846





## WANTED MUSQUITO



Musquito also known as Musquito, Bush Muschelle, or Musko was a Bushranger he hidged roid settlers properties and more. Musquito was born in NSW on the year 1780. He was hanged on the 26th of February 1846 at the age of 46. Musquito's Comrade named Black Jack was also hanged on the same day as Musquito. Musquito's occupation was a Criminal, Indigenous resistance fighter and traitor he also was a Thimblet. He was transported to Van Diemens land for murder.

**Police Report**

Name of case: Stealing sheep from a farm


Investigation done: Searching and Harpoured

Name of case officer: Smith

Name of case witness: Mr. Smith

Investigation done: Mr. Smith was looking through the wood and found a strange noise and looked up in the distance. Smith caught him a month ago. Found

Investigation done: A basket was found around the case. Mr. Smith found the case with the basket of the case. Smith and his last year found Smith in the case. Smith for the case of his. Mr. Smith



# BUSHRANGERS

## *A Blooms Taxonomy History Unit*

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO



THE CAPTURE OF NED KELLY.

A fairly accurate interpretation of Ned Kelly's capture



National Library of Australia

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An 'authentic' photo of the Kelly gang taken while they were in hiding.

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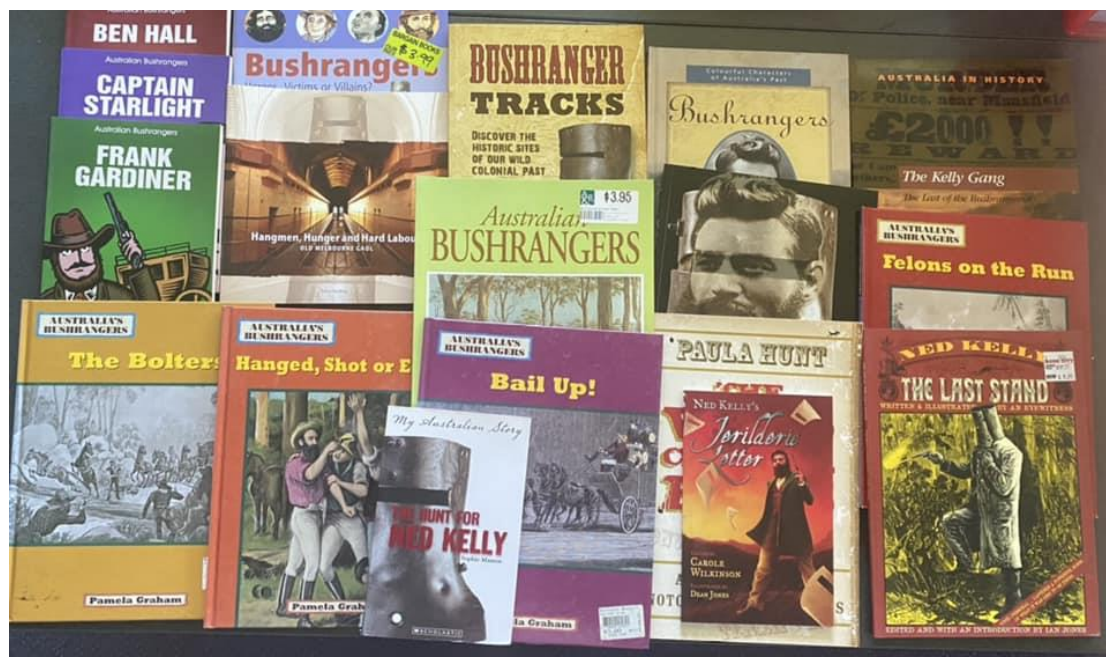
[Bushrangers | National Museum of Australia \(nma.gov.au\)](http://www.nma.gov.au/bushrangers)

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[Australia's most notorious bushrangers - Australian Geographic](#)

Australian Mint

[The Bold, The Bad and The Ugly: 'Australia's Wild Colonial Bushrangers' | Royal Australian Mint \(ramint.gov.au\)](#)



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# Bushrangers

## A Blooms History Unit

### Remembering

- Complete the reading comprehension activity about the origins and mythology of bushrangers.
- Develop a fact and fiction chart about bushrangers
- Write an acrostic poem
- Word search

### Understanding

- Make a cartoon of an incident from the life of a famous bushranger.
- Write a letter from a bushranger in gaol awaiting execution and elaborating on a shared experience with a gang member or victim.
- Write a newspaper front page telling of the exploits of a famous bushranger.

This unit can be taught in conjunction with the attached unit on *For the Term of his Natural Life*. A visit to Old Melbourne Gaol would also support the unit.

### Analysing

- Design a questionnaire to help select members of a bushranger gang.
- Complete a matrix detailing the life, times and exploits of a variety of bushrangers
- Create a prison file on a famous bushranger

### Applying

- Make a diorama of the siege at Glenrowan or murders at Stringybark Creek.
- Make a papier-mâché 'death mask'.

### Evaluating

- Develop a danger scale of exciting events from the life of Ned Kelly.
- Develop a list of rules and responsibilities for being a successful bushranger.

### Creating

- Design a wanted poster for a famous bushranger
- Design more effective Armour for the Kelly Gang. (Draw plans and construct a model)
- Design a bushranger's survival kit
- Design a tourist brochure for a bushranger tourist attraction.

## **Bushrangers**

### Reading Comprehension

There were two main periods of bush ranging in Australia. The first from the 1790s to the 1830s and the second from the 1850s to the 1870s.

The bushrangers in this early period were usually convicts who had escaped into the bush. They were called 'bolters'. They lived in the bush, plundering settlers' huts for food and supplies and robbing travellers. This was how they kept alive.

John Caesar, one of the early Tasmanian bushrangers set a pattern for defiance towards authority. Governor Hunter demanded that Caesar surrender, but he said he would never surrender or be taken alive. Many bushranging gangs plagued Van Diemen's Land (as Tasmania was called) these gangs were led by bushrangers such as John Whitehead, Michael Howe and Matthew Brady. One notorious bushrangers Piece was even guilty of cannibalism.

The best known of these early bushrangers on the mainland was Jack Donahue who had been transported to Australia in 1824, when he was 18. Donahue first escaped into the bush in 1827. Later in the same year he was recaptured after bailing up (robbing) several bullock carts on the Richmond Road. Donahue was sentenced to death but escaped again. It wasn't until 1830 that Donahue's career as a bushrangers came to an end. He was shot by police while resisting arrest near Campbelltown in NSW.

Because of the increasing problem of bushrangers Governor Darling passed a special Bushranging Act in 1830. This meant arrests could be made without a warrant and those who could not prove they were 'free men' could be taken into custody.

Large finds of gold in the 1850s led to a new phase of bushranging when many failed diggers found it easier to steal gold from the diggers than to prospect for it themselves. By 1860 there was another change. Bushrangers were usually Australian born and belonged to the poor settler or rural worker class. They hated rich squatters and the law which seemed (and probably did) favour the wealthy. Their theft of cattle, horses and money from the wealthier people could be a way to get even with them (and also revenge grievances from the old country)

These bushrangers were often helped by other poor settlers. (Ned Kelly had a large network of supporters) They gave bushrangers shelter and supplies and

often acted as lookouts. Frank Gardiner, Captain Thunderbolt, the Clarke brothers and Ben Hall were well armed and had better horses and more accurate local knowledge than the troopers chasing them.

The bushranger's life was usually a short one. Frank Gardiner and Martin Cash were probably the only ones to live to old age.

Ned Kelly is Australia's best-known bushranger and was regarded as the last of the bushrangers. After killing three policemen and robbing two banks Ned was captured and his gang killed. He was hanged in old Melbourne Gaol on 11th November 1880 after being captured at the siege of Glenrowan.

## Reading Comprehension

### Questions

1. What were the two main periods of bushranging?
2. How many years were covered in those two periods?
3. How many years ago did the last period of bushranging end?
4. Who were the bolters?
5. What did John Caesar answer when asked to surrender?
6. What do you think 'bailing up' means?
7. What happened to Jack Donahue?
8. Jack Donahue was nicknamed 'Bold Jack Donahue' what does bold mean?
9. What do we call Van Diemen's Land today?
10. What led to the second period of bushranging?
11. What did the Australian born bushrangers of the 1860s steal?
12. Why do you think poor settlers helped those bushrangers?
13. What two bushrangers lived till old age/
14. What famous bushranger was hanged in 1880?
15. Why do you think the bushranging period ended with the death of Ned Kelly?



The lithograph (c. 1830) of "John Donohoe's" body as it lay in a morgue in Sydney Hospital is attributed to Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor-General of New South Wales



## **Facts about Bushrangers**

### *Bolter*

Australia's first bushranger John 'Black' Caesar who came out with the first fleet became a bushranger because of his appetite. Caesar used to eat two days' supply of rations in one day. He 'bolted' to the bush and began raiding settler houses.

### *Stop the song*

Governor Darling issued a proclamation banning the singing of the song 'Bold Jack Donahue' in public houses.

### *Captain who?*

Many bushrangers were known by an alias. Captain Moonlight's name was Andrew Scott. Captain Thunderbolt was Fred Ward and Captain Melville was Frank McCallum

### *Not all white men*

One bushranger, Sam Poo was Chinese, Jimmy Governor was aboriginal and Captain Thunderbolt's partner, aboriginal woman Mary Ann Bugg had many extraordinary exploits long after Thunderbolt's death.

### *Reformed*

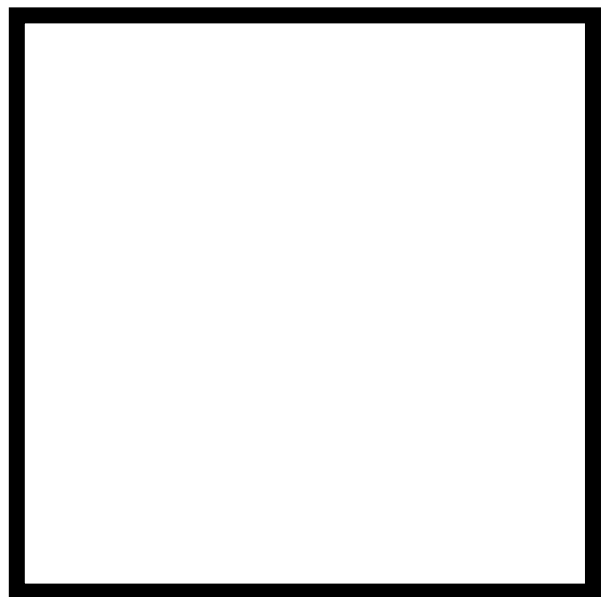
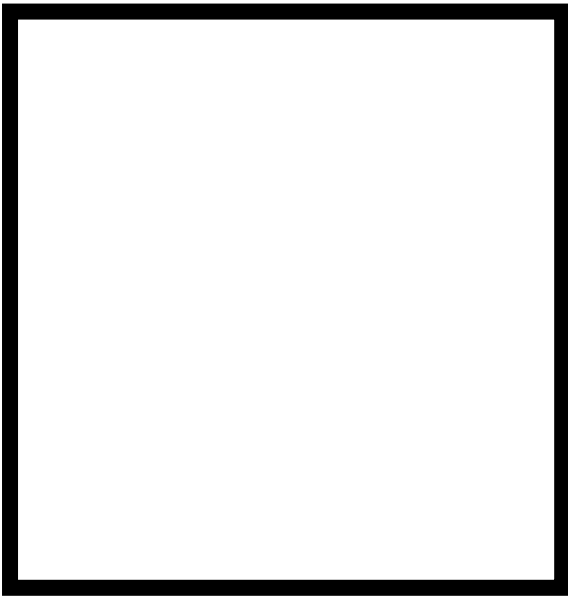
Martin Cash led a desperate gang of bushrangers in Van Diemen's Land in 1842. He was captured and imprisoned in the brutal Norfolk Island penal settlement. He was a model prisoner and later became caretaker of Hobart's Botanical Gardens.

### *A fortune*

During his time as a bushranger, Captain Thunderbolt stole about \$1 000 000 in 2002 money that was never recovered.

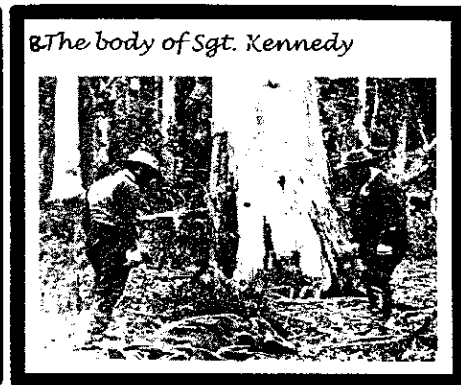
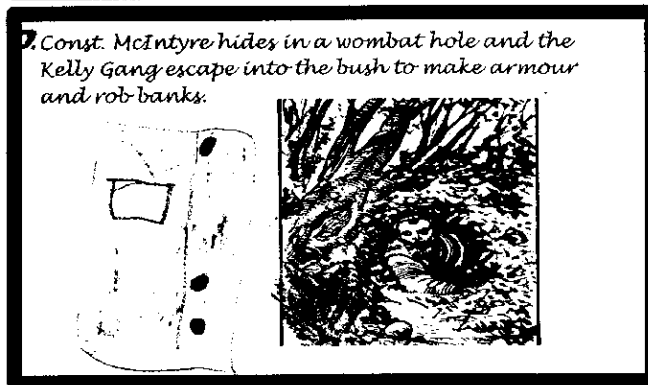
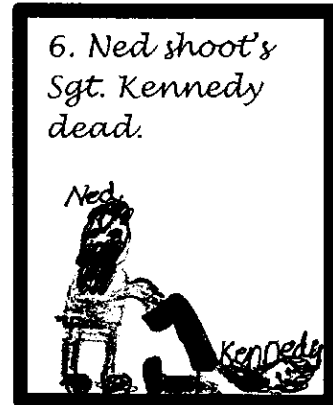
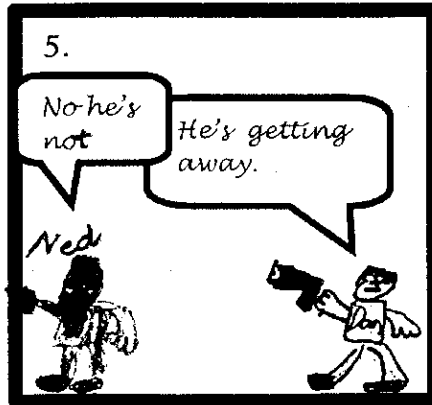
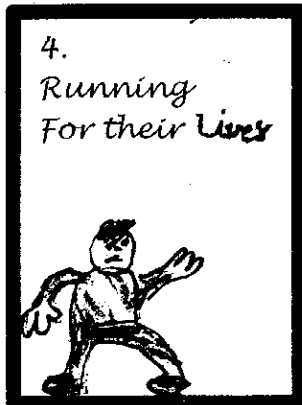
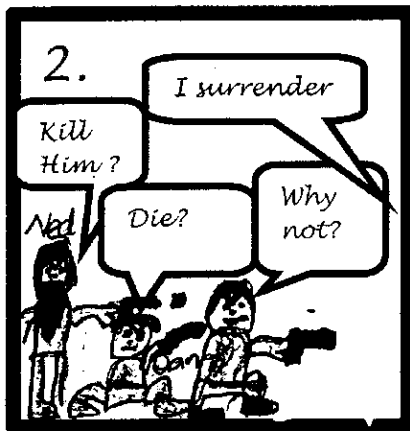
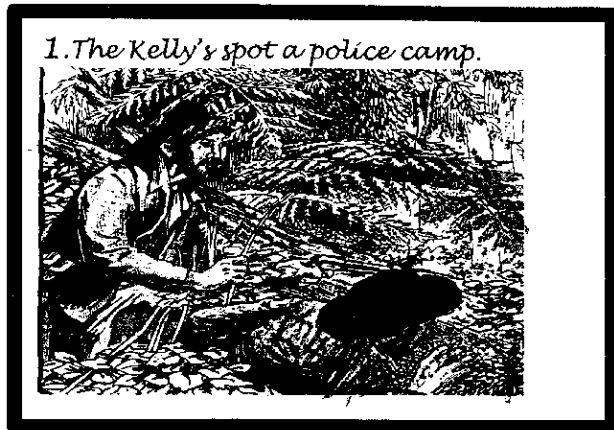
**Research your own interesting facts about bushrangers and create your own: 'Did you know poster'.**

**Bushranger comic**



# Ambush at Stringybark Creek

By Darren



# BUSH TIMES

STOP  
PRESS

***WANTED***

## Bushrangers of Australia Profiles

Name	State/s Bushranger operated in	Years of operation	Crimes he committed	Manner of death
<b>Matthew Brady</b>				
<b>Ben Hall</b>				
<b>The Clarke Brothers</b>				
<b>Ned Kelly</b>				

## Ned Kelly Danger Scale

The Bushranging career of Ned Kelly Danger scale (Enlarge to A3)

<b>5</b>					
<b>4</b>					
<b>3</b>					
<b>2</b>					
<b>1</b>					
<b>Event</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>

1= not very dangerous

5= extremely dangerous

**Danger scale**

**Draw pictures for the captions**

Building armour out of old ploughs.

Shooting police at Stringybark Creek.

Hiding out in the bush.

Facing the police alone at Glenrowan.

Drinking and dancing in the  
Glenrowan Inn.



## Bushranger Biography

### Include:

- Their name and any aliases.
- Their early life (where they were born and their family life)
- What led them to commit crimes and become a bushranger
- Their achievements as a bushranger
- Their death

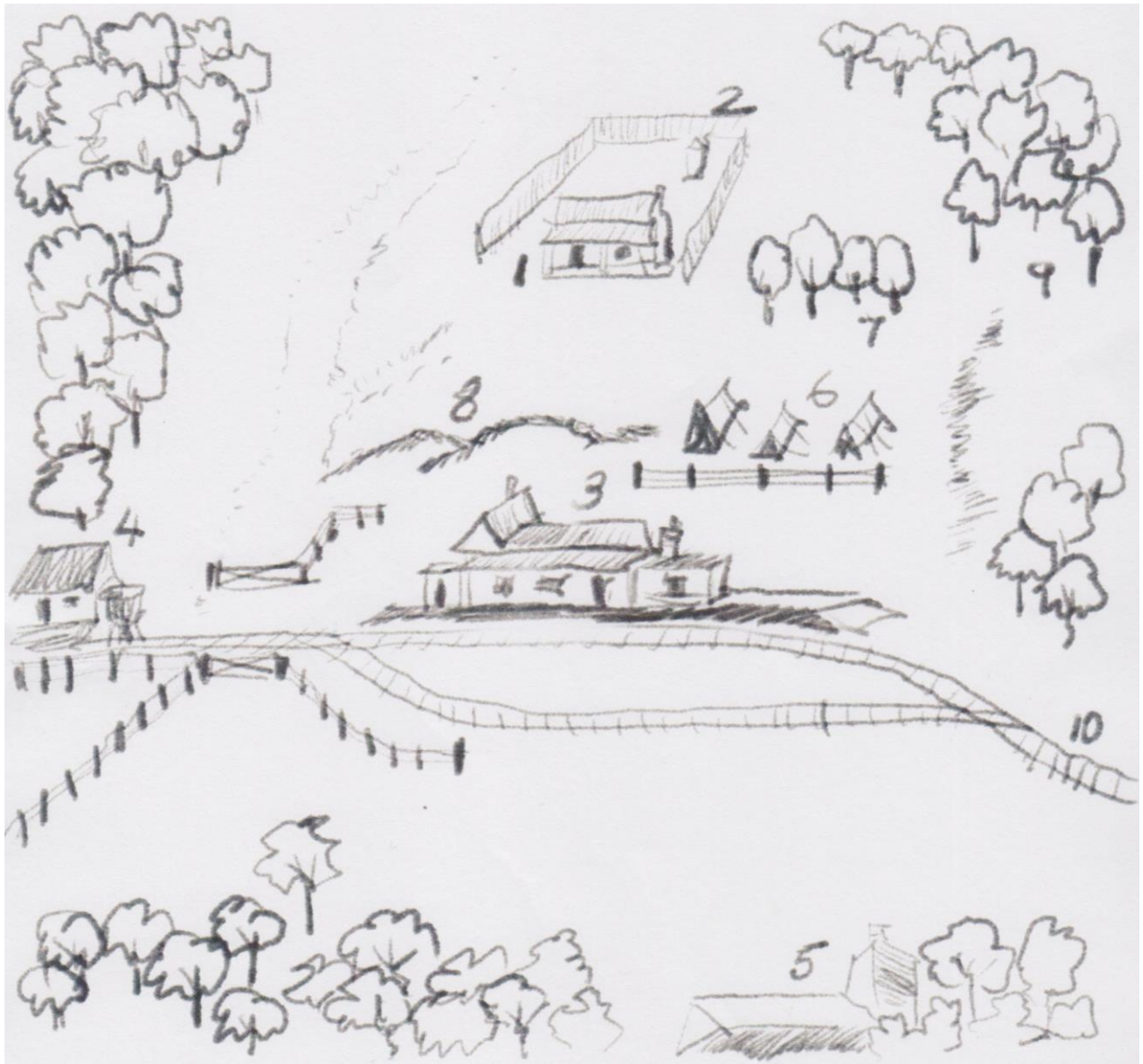
### Some Bushrangers to consider

- 1 The Kelly Gang.
- 2 'Mad Dog' Daniel Morgan.
- 3 Alexander Pearce.
- 4 'Gentleman Bushranger' Martin Cash.
- 5 'Bold Jack' John Donohue.
- 6 'Black' Caesar
- 7 Michael Howe.
- 8 'Captain Thunderbolt' Frederick Ward.
- 9 Ben Hall
- 10 Frank Gardiner
- 11 Martin Cash
- 12 The Clarke brothers
- 13 Jessie Hickman



sketch of convict cannibal Alexander Pearce after his execution in 1824.

The Siege at Glenrowan story map. (Write captions and illustrate 4 important incidents that occurred at the siege at Glenrowan. Includes extra images you can use)



1 Glenrowan Inn

2 Outhouse

3 Railway Station

4 Stationmaster's house

5 McDonald's Hotel

6 Platelayers tents

7 Position taken by police

8 Aboriginal trackers

9 Tree where Kelly was captured

10 Half a mile away the tracks were taken up

1

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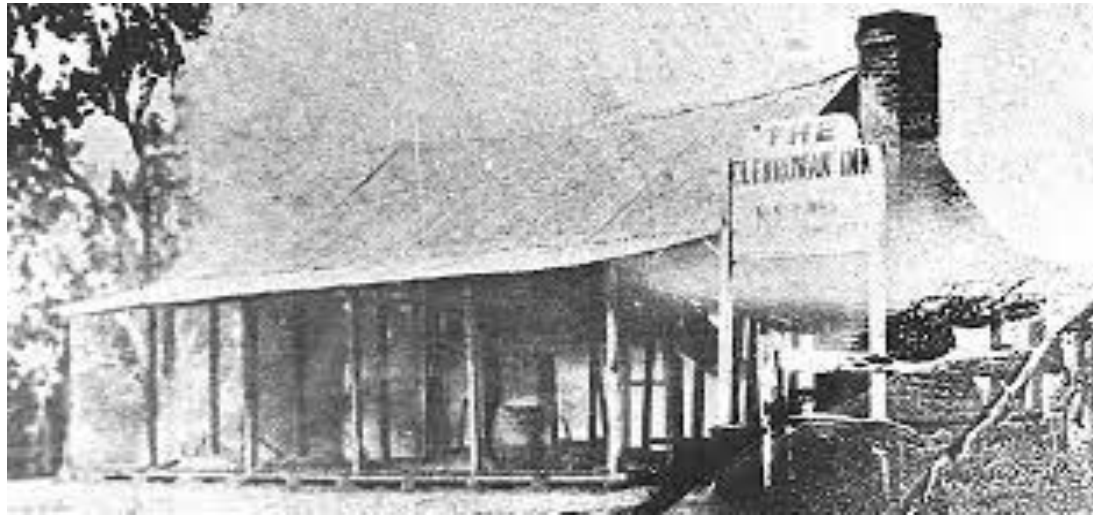
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**Railway platform during the seige**



**The Glenrowan Inn set ablaze**



**Sergeant Steele and railway guard Dowsett capture Kelly.**

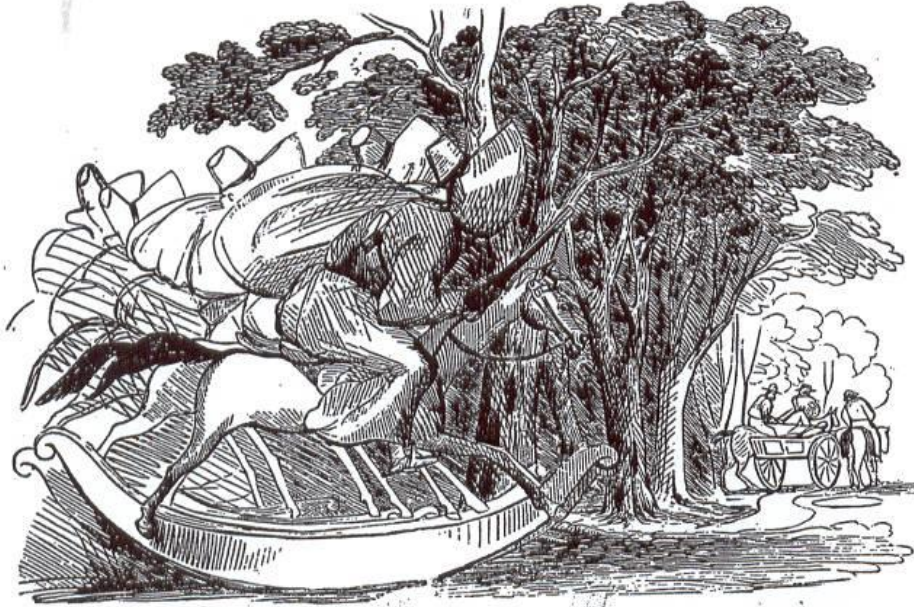


**Aboriginal trackers from Queensland.**



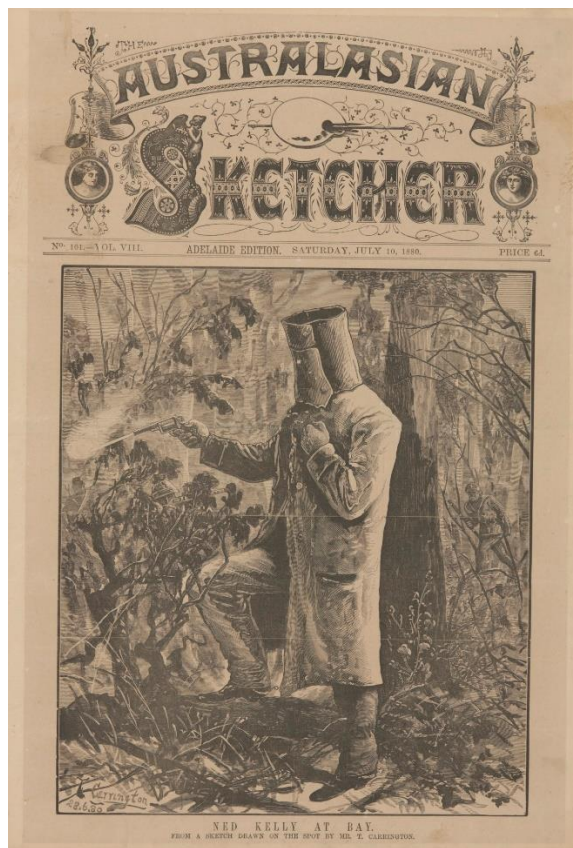
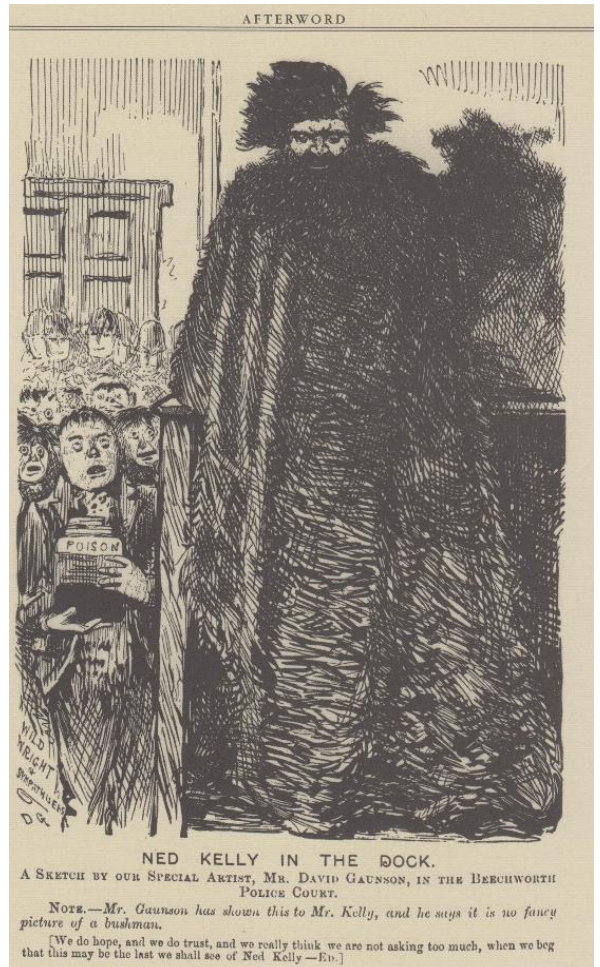
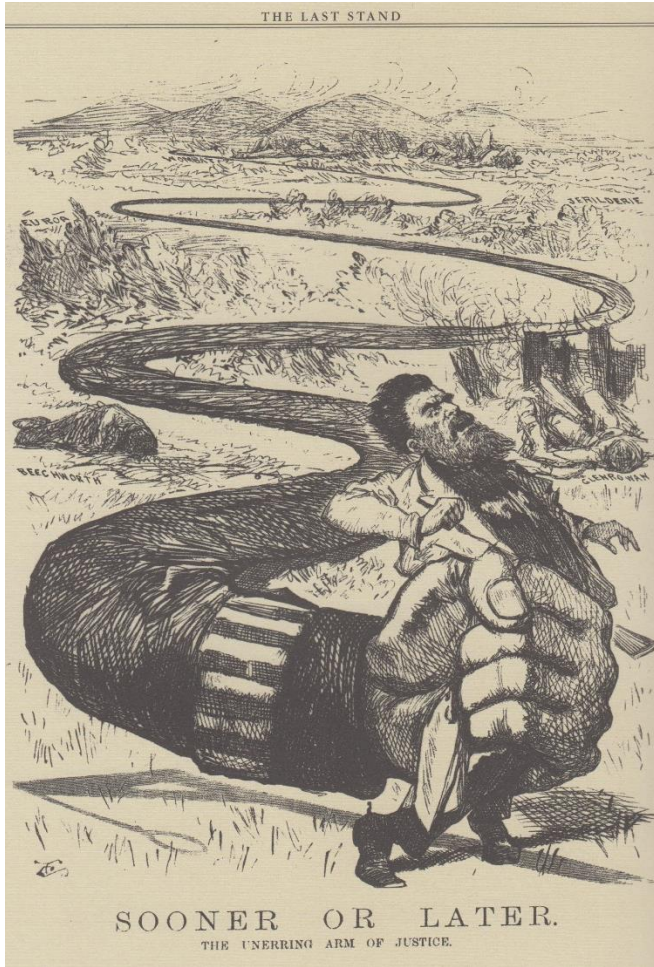
### Study the cartoons about Bushrangers

- What are they about?
- Why are they funny / not funny?
- Create your own bushranger cartoon



“The police in hot pursuit” – an 1863 cartoon





## Bushranger Wordsearch

S T K X Y U S C F O H E P B B  
 X B F E B B I O V S W S H O P  
 O C E D L Z X N I I W A L P T  
 Q F L R G L D V V Q N T H V A  
 W B F D Y A Y I K G E Y K X U  
 S K F X A M R C E R Q O P A G  
 B R F I Y X J T S X U G I R U  
 E E E U M B F S X D K Q L R O  
 U Z N P N A G R O M N A D E W  
 H K T H O C B H N E X E J S U  
 A N S O A O K M F F S C S T T  
 N I C F E L R B H W Y T H Z K  
 O J S N Z M L T T F N D Y M G  
 D J O H N G I L B E R T G E Y  
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arrest

Ben Hall

Black Caesar

*Ben Hall studio photo*

bolters

convicts

Dan Morgan

Donahue

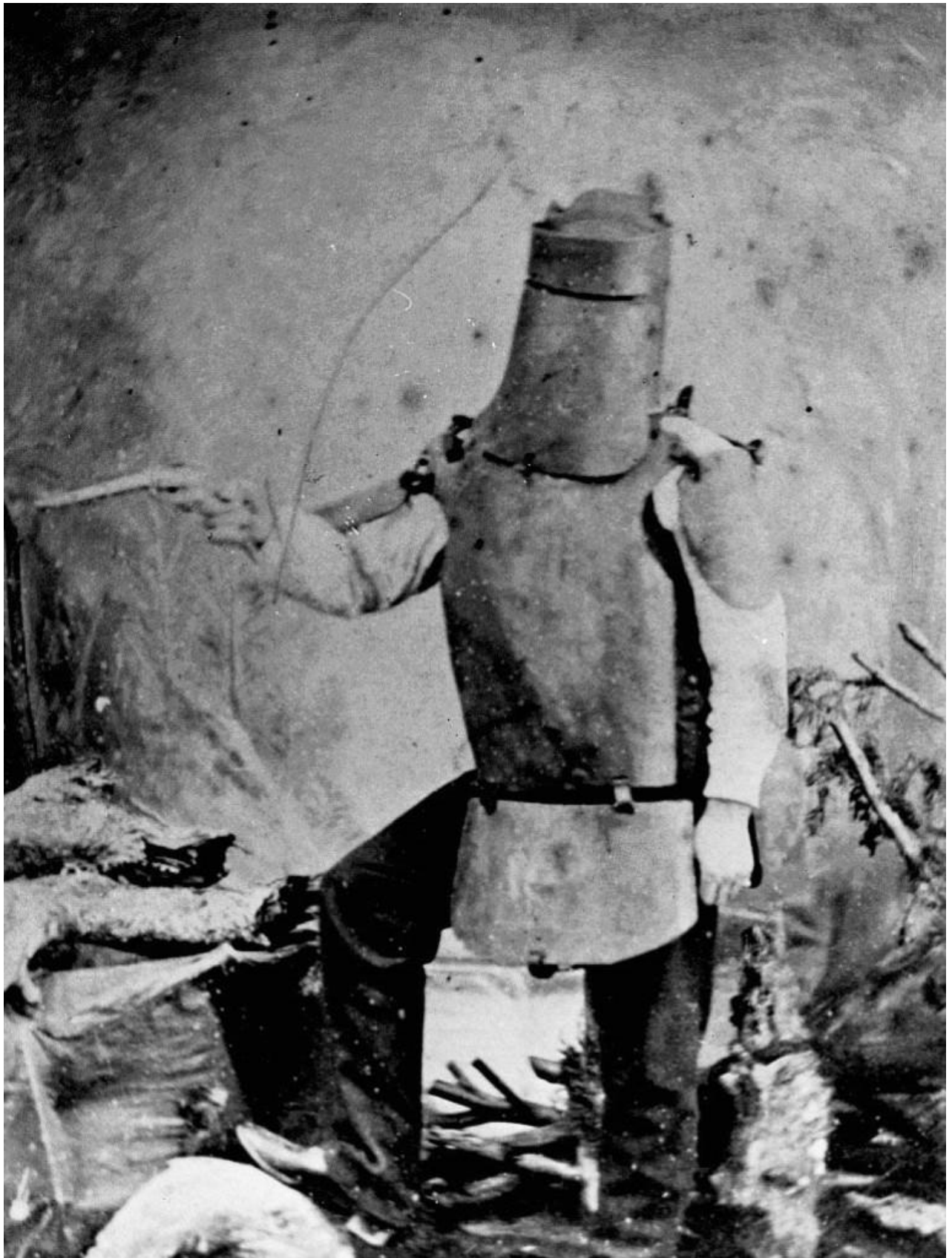
hang

John Gilbert

Kelly

troopers





Police re-creation of Ned Kelly using his armour.





Ned's armour on display at the Melbourne Library



Ned  Kelly

Last photo taken inside old Melbourne Gaol.

## Ned Kelly Timeline

- was born sometime between December 1854 and June 1855, in Beveridge, Victoria. His precise birthdate is not known.
- was the eldest son of eight children to John 'Red' Kelly and Ellen Quinn.
- as a child saved another boy from drowning – the boy's family awarded him a green silk sash in recognition of his bravery.
- was twice convicted and sentenced to prison in the 1870s, first for assault and then for receiving a stolen horse.
- attacked Constable Fitzpatrick while he was attempting to arrest Dan Kelly in April 1878. Fitzpatrick was wounded by a pistol shot and warrants for the arrest of Ned and Dan Kelly were issued.
- with his gang ambushed and killed three police officers at Stringybark Creek, Victoria in October 1878.
- staged bank robberies at Euroa in 1878 and at Jerilderie in 1879.
- composed a document written down by gang member Joe Byrne known as the 'Jerilderie Letter' in which Kelly tried to justify his crimes.
- used suits of armour to protect himself and his gang members during a final battle with police at Glenrowan in June 1878.
- was tried, convicted, and then executed in Melbourne on 11 November 1880.

## Persuasive Writing

### *Ned Kelly...hero or villain?*

Ned Kelly is a very polarising figure in Australian history. Many books have been written about him and his exploits and quite often the authors 'take a side' either proclaiming Ned as a national icon and hero or as a blood thirsty murderer. Write a persuasive writing text taking one side or the other.



In your opinion is he a hero or a villain?

Begin with a statement of position. In a few sentences explain who Ned Kelly was and what he did.

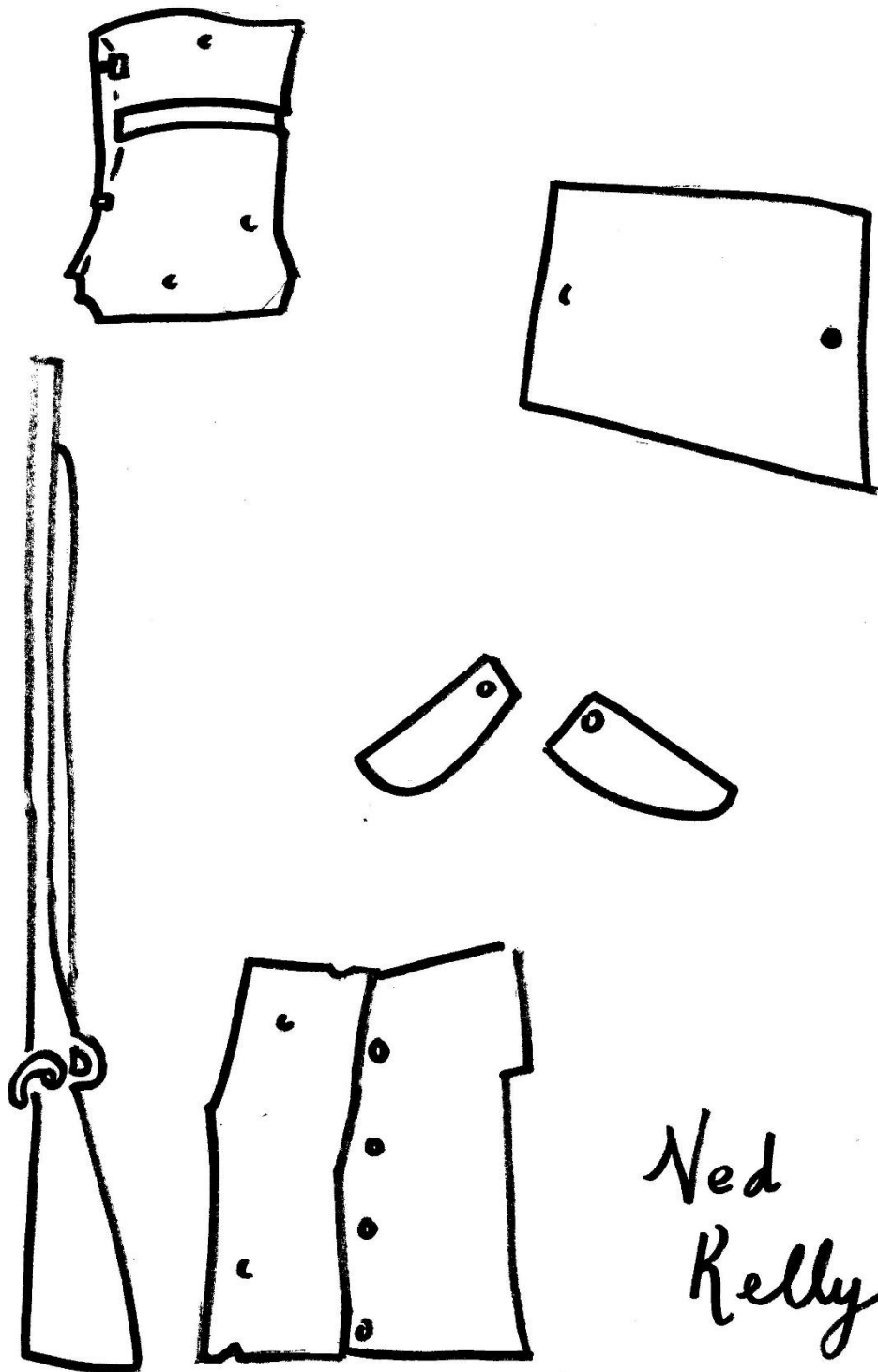
Link the sentence by telling the reader how many arguments and your point of view. (eg. *Here are three arguments why Ned Kelly is a hero.*)

Present your three arguments (minimum of three). Don't forget time and sequence words such as firstly, secondly, finally.

Have a concluding statement starting with 'I' and followed with an opinion. (*In conclusion I think Ned Kelly was a hero because...*)



Create a background on A3 (bush or prison wall?) Enlarge images on card. Colour in and assemble. (You can use the armour images as a template for 'metal' coloured card or corrugated card)





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