

Year 4 Humanities and Social Sciences Worksheet

Inspired by **AC9HS4K02** of the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0, material in this section may help your child understand the causes of the establishment of the first British colony in Australia in 1788. It may also help further understanding in:

- examining the journeys of one or more explorers who sailed parts of the route to Australia, such as Vasco da Gama and Ferdinand Magellan, using navigation maps to reconstruct their journeys, in order to investigate how exploration and knowledge of routes allowed for the later feasible settlement of Australia (**AC9HS4K02_E1**)
- examining journeys of the Australian coastline of one or more explorers (for example, Dirk Hartog, Abel Tasman, James Cook, Comte de la Perouse, Willem Jansz) using navigation maps to reconstruct their journeys, in order to investigate the possibility of countries settling Australia to expand their empires (**AC9HS4K02_E2**)
- describing the journeys of James Cook, and that of Joseph Banks, and their role in the establishment of a British colony in Australia, including reference to Cook's "secret instructions" (**AC9HS4K02_E3**)
- investigating the reasons for the colonisation of Australia, including Britain needing a penal colony, the impact of the American War of Independence, the creation of a base in the global south and resources (**AC9HS4K02_E4**)

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Instructions

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where you can.

Part A: Understanding the Idea

1. What is a colony?

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2. What is a penal colony?

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3. Which country decided to establish a colony in Australia in 1788?

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4. Who already lived in Australia before the First Fleet arrived?

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5. True or False: Australia was an empty land when the British decided to establish a colony there. Explain your answer.

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Part B: Britain's Prison Problem

6. What is a convict?

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7. What does it mean to transport a convict?

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8. Before 1788, Britain sent many convicts to its colonies in America.
Why did Britain need to find somewhere else to send them?

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9. Why were overcrowded prisons and prison ships a problem for Britain?

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10. Circle the best answer:

One major reason Britain established a colony in Australia was to:

- build a theme park
- send convicts to a new penal colony
- move all British schools overseas