



First Contact

Perspective

Year 3 - 4

Summary

Students will learn about the lives of First Nations Australians before the British settlers arrived in Australia and the causes and reasons for the journey of the HMB Endeavour and The First Fleet. They will practise thinking and acting like historians as they are immersed in stories and artefacts to learn more about Australia's history from different perspectives. This unit culminates in a presentation where students share what they have learnt about the past by interviewing an older member of their family or community about an object of importance from the past.

Essential Questions

How and why was the British colony established in Australia?

What were the effects of first contact on First Nations Australians?

How do historians tell stories about the past?

Why is it important to listen to different perspectives?

Rationale

By listening to stories about Australia's history from different perspectives, we develop greater empathy for others and a broader understanding and appreciation of people's experiences.

Future Action

Students will have the knowledge and language to participate in conversations about Australia's history and the treatment of First Nations Australians during colonisation. They will use historians' skills as they develop a curiosity about the past and appreciate the importance of listening to different perspectives.