

Imperialism & the History Australia

European Exploration



The first Europeans to sail to Australia were the Dutch (Netherlands) in 1606, but they didn't settle there

European Exploration

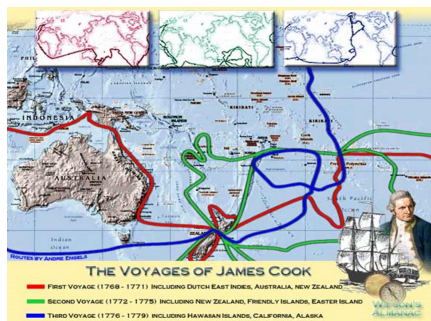


The Dutch made one landing, were attacked by Aborigines, and then abandoned further exploration

European Exploration



1770: Captain James Cook sailed around Australia & named it New South Wales. Ignored Aborigines & claimed the land for England



Prisoners & Colonists



American Revolution forced the British to stop sending prisoners to Georgia (used as a penal colony at the time)

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Australia seemed like a good choice: no chance of escape, no colonies around it, and smaller indigenous population

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1787 – British ships left England with convicts for the prison colony year later British prisoners settled in Australia

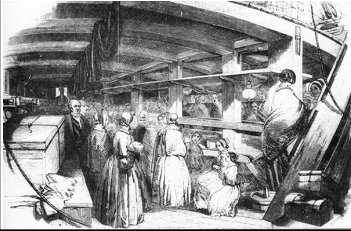


New South Wales

1788 to 1832: New South Wales was officially a penal colony consisting mainly of convicts, guards, and the guards' families



New South Wales



Only 20% of the first convicts were women

New South Wales



British transported prisoners to Australia until 1868

By this time, many free immigrants were settling there

New South Wales



They built businesses, trading posts, farms, etc

Port Arthur, Tasmania was Australia's largest prison



Port Arthur, Tasmania

From 1833 to 1850, it was the destination for convicted British and Irish criminals (reoffend after their arrival in Australia).

Island of the Dead

A cemetery adjacent to Port Arthur, Tasmania
It was the destination for all who died inside the prison camps.



The Perfect Colony

Great Britain saw that Australia was a good location to base its navy in the South Pacific Ocean

The Perfect Colony

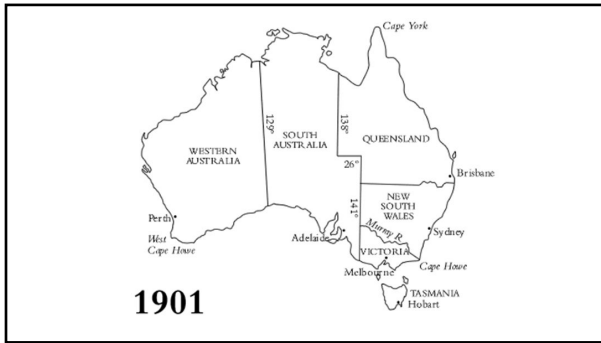
Its location would make it possible for British ships to make repairs & get supplies

The Perfect Colony

Had many opportunities for trade with Asia and the Americas

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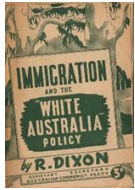
Major coastal settlements became 7 independent colonies



The Perfect Colony

January 1, 1901: the Commonwealth of Australia was established.

“White” Australia



Originally, promoted a policy called “White Australia” - would not allow non-Whites to immigrate to Australia.

“White” Australia



Immigration Restriction Act of 1901: restricted migration to people primarily of European descent

“White” Australia

This was dismantled after the Second World War. Today, Australia has a global, non-discriminatory policy

Aborigines in Australia

Aborigines went through stages of being conquered through an 'invasion' and taking of their lands.

Aborigines in Australia

- European settlers often separated Aborigines from society
- Some were removed from their families and placed into institutions
- Others were killed because they were seen as a “nuisance”



THREE QUADROON SISTERS
Father—Half-blood (front cross) Mother—Australian White.
The large freckles on the face of the centre figure are the only trace of colour apparent

Aborigines in Australia

1830s: remnants of the tribes in the settled areas were moved onto Reserves
They were forbidden from teaching their children their language and customs.



THREE GENERATIONS
(Reading from Right to Left)
1. Half-blood—(Irish-Australian father; full-blood Aboriginal mother).
2. Quadroon Daughter—(Father Australian born of Scottish parents; Mother No. 1).
3. Octaroon Grandson—(Father Australian of Irish descent; Mother No. 2).

Aborigines in Australia

During the 1900s, separation was an official government policy which lasted for many decades



Aborigines in Australia

Today, many Aboriginal people do not know their origins: which tribe they are descended from or the names of their parents and or grandparents. They are a lost generation.

Aborigines in Australia

1967: federal government began to pass legislation to help the Aborigines

Aborigines in Australia

It was widely seen as affirmation of the Australian people's wish to see its government take direct action to improve the living conditions of Aborigines

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In March 1967, striking Aboriginal farmers changed political history by extending a demand for equal wages to a declaration of their rights of ownership of traditional lands.

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This became one of Australia's first successful land claims by its indigenous people.
