

HISTORY

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This semester the grade 5/6 area has been working on the history of Australia. We are going to do a big project in the end which I will tell about soon.

Where we are going with this project

In the end this project will be a play. At the moment we have been split up into 3 groups between our home groups. As I am in group A the topics we have are Convicts, Law enforcement and Indigenous. We don't know which group we are in yet but I wouldn't mind what group I was in but if I had to choose it would be convicts. We have been doing heaps of work about our three topics so everybody knows a bit about each topic.

My top three facts

The top three facts that I learnt would be...

1. I didn't know that when a convict had died on board the ship to New Holland they just threw their body overboard.
2. I didn't know that 1/3 of the aboriginal's population had died because of the English who brought many diseases to New Holland.
3. I didn't know that the captain of the ship had to pick at least five convicts to be the people who took care of the convicts and told someone if a convict was sick.

I also asked Jennifer and Mary Grace what their top fact was. Jennifer said her top fact was *'if you stole a loaf of bread you would be put in prison'* and Mary Grace said her top fact was *'that the first police officers in Australia were convicts'*.

My favourite part of the project so far and why?

My favourite part of this project was doing the research and reading groups. Doing research was so interesting I was really surprised about what I found out. Reading groups was also my favourite because we got to read books about all the topics and we found out how some of the convicts and Aboriginal people felt and where they lived which will really help with our play.