

MP - UP 'EARLY AUSTRALIA' UNIT IDEAS - LINKING LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

1. Prepare a b&w map of Australia on students disks. Students **add** cities / states / features to map using a drawing program.
2. **Import** a picture showing examples of colonial fashions and clothing.
3. **Research** life during the early settlement of Australia. **Present** your work in a diary format. **Choose** the perspective from which you are writing (eg. Explorer, colonist, convict, Indigenous Australian)
4. **Make** a menu and recipe for some early Australian foods.
5. **Create** a picture, Powerpoint presentatin or Kid Pix Slideshow depicting an original untouched landscape as it would have been seen by the first fleet. **Change** this image over four screens showing the gradual changes that may have happened to this environment over the course of 200 years of development.
6. **Find** and **present** a classic Australian ballad or poem.
7. **Research** and **create** a profile of a prominent early Australian .
8. **Design** a poster advertising Australia to potential settlers.
9. **Design** and **make** a double-sided postcard that is sent back to England by a convict or explorer.
10. **Construct** a table of Australian natural resources showing the ways they have been used by both Indigenous and colonising Australians.
11. **Type** a piece of text about early Australia with deliberate spelling and punctuation errors. Save it on student disks. Have students **correct** it using MS Word.
12. **Make** a Kid Pix Slideshow about famous explorers such as Sturt, Eyre, Burke & Wills.
13. **Explore** some great CD Roms we have. ***NB** There are good lesson plans/ideas in the 'Teacher Resources' book in the computer room and library.



<u>Convict Fleet to Dragon Boat</u>	<u>One Destiny - the Federation Story</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience Australia's cultural diversity & the contributions various cultures have made - through the eyes of immigrants themselves • Become a British convict with the First Fleet or a Chinese prospector during the Goldrush • Indigenous Australians & first encounters with white settlers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information, facts and activities focusing on Federation and its main players • Constitution development • The first Parliament • Design an Australian flag - very cool!

Other relevant CD Roms include:

- Tales from the Kangaroo's Crypt - 4 Billion Years of Extraordinary Australia
- History of Australia
- Prime Ministers of Australia
- Encyclopedia of Australia

