European Colonization of Australia Activity

The goal of the activity is for students to examine various data, graphs, maps, and images to draw conclusions about how European colonization affected Australia. The activity can be implemented in several ways. Below are a few options for implementing the activity:

- Students can work individually to examine each resource and answer the designated questions. Students can be given all of the resources at one time.

- Students can work with a partner to examine each resource and answer the designated questions. Students can be given all of the resources at one time.

- Students can work in small groups. Each group member will be responsible for examining a resource, then describe the resource to the group and discuss the designated questions.

- If you have a small class, the activity can be done as a task rotation. Each small group of students will start with one resource and after a short period of time, once questions have been answered, the teacher or students will rotate the resources. A rotation will occur every few minutes until all groups have analyzed all resources and answered all of the designated questions.

Suggestions:

- Print off class sets of group sets of the resource pages in color. Place the pages in sheet protectors to use throughout the day.
- Even if students work in groups, have each student complete the question sheet to use as their notes for the lesson.
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Name(s) ________________________________

Resource A

1. Describe the information provided by the resource. ______________________________________

2. How does the resource help with understanding the European colonization of Europe?
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Resource B

3. Describe the information provided by the resource. ______________________________________

4. How does the resource illustrate the effect of European colonization on Australia?
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Resource C

5. Describe the information provided by the resource. ______________________________________

6. How does the resource illustrate the effect of European colonization on Australia?
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Resource D

7. Describe the information provided by the resource. ______________________________________

8. How does the resource illustrate the effect of European colonization on Australia?
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Resource E

9. If the European colonization of Australia began in 1788, describe its effect on Australia.
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10. Based on your previous knowledge of European colonization, what most likely caused this impact on the indigenous Aborigines? __________________________________________

Resource F

11. What does the resource tell you about the European colonization of Australia?
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Resource G

12. Compare and contrast the Europeans and the Aborigines in the images shown.
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13. How might the differences have influenced the outcome of the European colonization of Australia? ________________________________________________________________
Use the information you learned to summarize your findings below.

Australia was colonized by ______________________________. The reason for Australia’s colonization was _________________________________________________. The European colonization of Australia caused the Aborigine population to ______________________ due to ______________________ and ______________________. European colonization also impacted the ______________________ and ______________________ of Australia because ___________________________________________________________.

______________________________________________________.
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Resource A

[Map showing European colonization of Australia]

Resource B

Ethnic groups in Australia

- White: 92%
- Asian: 7%
- Aboriginal and other: 1%

[Pie chart showing ethnic groups in Australia]
Christian: 62%
Buddhist: 3%
Muslim: 2%
Hindu: 1%
Other: 23%
Unspecified: 9%

*Christian Includes: Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Orthodox
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### Resource D

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<tr>
<th>Australian Language</th>
<th>Percent of Population</th>
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### Main language in England and Wales

- **92%** English
- **8%** Other

*Image showing 92% English and 8% other.*
The accepted wisdom of the upper and ruling classes in 18th century England was that criminals were inherently defective. Thus, they could not be rehabilitated and simply required separation from the genetically pure and law-abiding citizens. Accordingly, lawbreakers had to be either killed or exiled, since prisons were too expensive. With the American victory in the Revolutionary War, transgressors could no longer be shipped off across the Atlantic, and the English looked for a colony in the other direction.”
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Resource G