



**THE AUSTRALIAN
GOLD RUSH**



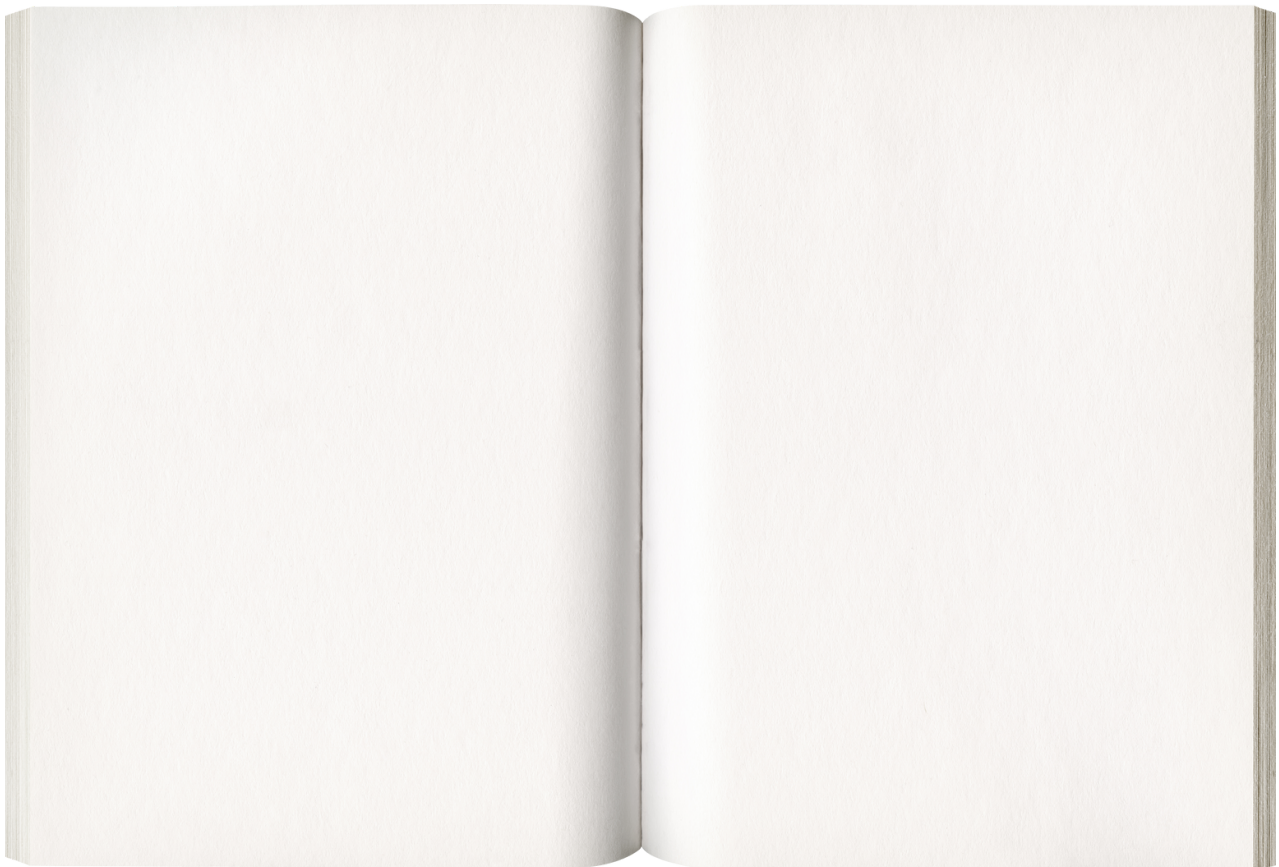
Australia's Gold Fever

1. Describe what the term 'gold fever' means.

Gold fever means...

2. The Australian Gold Rush impacted different groups in colonial society in different ways. Pick one of the groups below and imagine you are a person from that group. Write a diary entry with illustrations imagining how your life might have been affected by the gold rush.

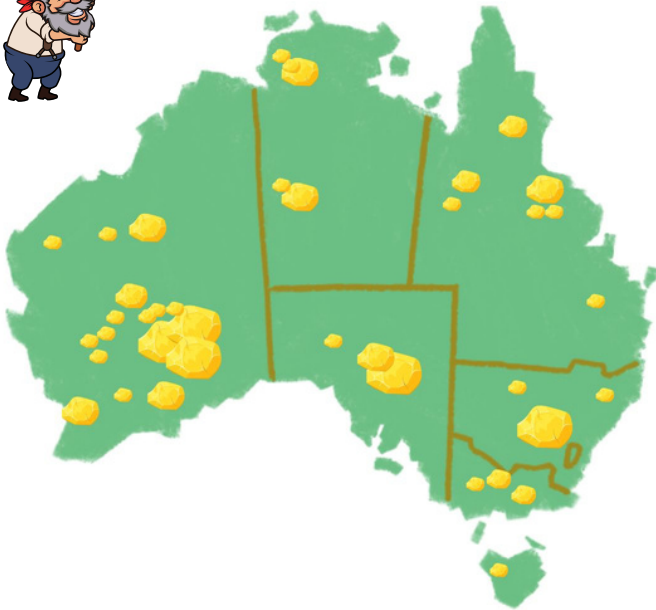
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3. Talk with a conversation partner who chose a different group in the last activity and discuss the impact of the gold rush on the Australian population and economy.



3. Below is a map of Australia depicting where gold deposits have been found. The size of the nugget indicates the richness of the deposit.



a) What do you notice about the location of the gold deposits?

b) If you were going to go prospecting for gold in Australia, where would you start? Explain why you made this decision.



National Museum Australia: Gold licence issued by the Victorian government to miner J Hedger in 1854.

4. Back in the 1850s, and today, people require a permit in order to keep any gold that they might find in Australia, otherwise it is deemed to be the property of the 'Crown' (meaning the reigning monarch).

a) Do you think this is fair? Why or why not?

b) How did the implementation of mining licenses contribute to the Eureka Rebellion?
