



Black Dog Books

Classroom Ideas



Look at the clothes worn by the characters in the book. How are these clothes different to the clothes people wear today?

Can you name some early Australians? How many of them are male and how many are female? Research some early Australian women and the reasons they are remembered. Why were men recognised more often than women? Is this different today? Is it still changing?

Illustration

Examine the illustration on the first spread and take note how the illustrator has represented these characters. What emotions do you think they're feeling? Are they rich or poor? What do you think they might be thinking about? What might they be leaving behind and what may they be facing in the future?

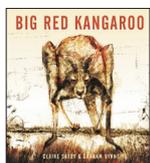
Discuss the use of colour in the illustrations, particularly in the sky. What are the predominant colours in the first half of the book and what are the predominant colours in the second half of the book? What do these colours symbolise? What might the illustrator be trying to make the reader feel by using these colours?

If you were illustrating the story, which pictures (if any) would you do differently? Why? Choose one passage from the book and create your own illustration to accompany it.

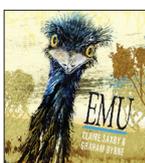
Visual Arts

Quilts are made by laying out different fabrics in different patterns which are then pieced together. Using coloured paper, cut triangles of different sizes and piece them together to make patterns. Make a small 'quilt' using triangles and A4 paper.

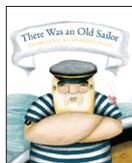
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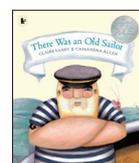
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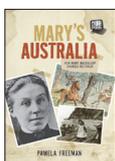


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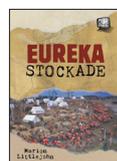
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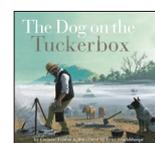
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