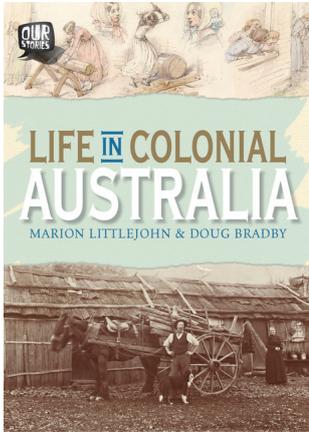




# Classroom Ideas



## Our Stories: Life In Colonial Australia

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## Outline:

What was life like for ordinary people in Colonial Australia? Can it really be called The Good Old Days when the work was backbreaking and the days were long, even for children? *Life in Colonial Australia* shows us exactly how it was.

## Author/Illustrator Information:

For as long as Marion Littlejohn can remember history has been a passion. Marion has taught History, English and Art to secondary students in Melbourne, Darwin, Dimboola and Rochester. In 1995 she made the move from the classroom to the museum world and began working as an Education Officer at the Sovereign Hill outdoor museum in Ballarat. *Our Stories: Eureka Stockade* was her first Black Dog Books title.

In 1858, Doug Bradby's paternal grandfather walked to Ballarat as a 10-year-old boy with his widowed mother. His maternal grandfather worked as a contractor erecting poppet heads on the Ballarat mines. He dismantled the last mine in Ballarat in 1920. Doug is a retired history teacher and taught for 30 years in Ballarat schools. He is currently Sovereign Hill's ambassador to local schools and a guide at the gold museum. Doug's other Black Dog Books title is *Our Stories: Life on the Goldfields*.

## How to Use These Notes:

This story works on many levels. The suggested activities are therefore for a wide age and ability range. Please select accordingly.

<p><b>These notes are for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary years 5-6</li> <li>• Ages 10+</li> </ul>	<p><b>Key Learning Areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• History</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-fiction</li> </ul>	<p><b>Themes/Ideas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian History</li> <li>• Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia</li> <li>• Australian Goldfields             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration</li> <li>• Miners/Diggers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### National Curriculum Focus:\*

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\*Key content descriptions have been identified from the Australian National Curriculum. However, this is not an exhaustive list of National Curriculum content able to be addressed through studying this text.

