

IV / Some historical facts

Who lived in Australia and when?



1) Write the names of the different groups of people under the correct periods of time:

convicts – British first settlers
– aboriginal people – Dutch explorers

about 40,000 years ago	1606	1788	19th century

2) Australia's settlements

Read and complete the sentences:

HISTORY

Aboriginal people arrived in Australia about 50,000 years ago. They may have traveled from Asia across land bridges that were exposed when sea levels were lower. The hardy Aborigines have learned to live in the harsh conditions of the outback.

Dutch explorers first landed in Australia in 1606, and the British began to settle there in 1788. Many settlers were criminals sent to live in Australia as punishment. For a short time, the newcomers lived peacefully with the Aboriginal people. But soon, fighting broke out over who owned the land.

In 1851, gold was discovered in Australia. A rush to find riches brought thousands of new immigrants, and by 1859, six separate colonies existed. In 1901, these colonies joined to form a British commonwealth.

- Australia's first inhabitants were
- They arrived in Australia about ago.
- They survived in the
- The first explorers to land on the Australian were They arrived in
- In the century, the British began to settle in Australia and sent most of their
- After 1851, many immigrants rushed to Australia to search