

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT REFLECTION

I enjoyed Sovereign Hill, we went underground in the mine. It was dark, cold and a little scary. We got to listen to the man tell his story about searching for gold. We went panning at the creek and got to search for our own gold, the miner at the creek helped us to learn how to pan for gold. We Learnt that gold is very heavy.

We went into a small hut with a man from Sovereign Hill, he told us about where and how many people would sleep in the huts and tents. We learnt about how miners cooked their meals in the fire place. It was cool to see how the furniture was built and used in the huts and tents from the 1850s. It is nothing like our homes.

Sovereign Hill told a whole life story of people from the 1850s. We saw lots of interesting things and enjoyed the experience. I think all children in schools of Melbourne should have the chance to go, we learnt lots of new things.

At Sovereign Hill there was an underground mine showing us what it was like to mine for gold. We learnt a lot about the Gold Rush in Australia and how lots of people from other countries came to Australia to mine for Gold. We learnt about how these people had an impact on the communities as they are today.

At Sovereign Hill we had so much fun. We went into the mine and saw and heard a story about miners. We went to the Blacksmiths and watched them make some things, it was very interesting. We went mining in the creek and found some gold. There were so many things we didn't have time to see, I wish we could go there again. It was the best excursion I have ever been on.

At Sovereign Hill we got to see the big horses and how people used to travel in carts that they pulled along. When we found some gold we learned that even though it was quite small it could still be worth a lot of money. It wasn't easy to find gold, I think it would have been hard to do every single day. Especially in hot or bad weather. Everything at Sovereign Hill looked like it belonged in the Olden Days... It helped us to understand what it was like to live in the 1850s.