

Sovereign Hill Camp

July 12th

Dear ma,

I've just arrived on the goldfields and I am intensely watching someone being beaten for mining without a licence. Each day I walk past the bakery and smell the new creation that Percy, the baker, has made. I wouldn't think of me as the best in the world but man, luckily I'm not in school anymore as lefthanders would regularly get whipped with the cane. Today, me best mate Charlie got taken away for stealing a loaf of bread.

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Last night we had a few drinks at James Bentley's, Eureka Hotel and smashed quite a few windows. Things are starting to heat up on the Goldfields and I feel tension rising. There's talk of the minors building a stockade around the camp and burning licences. Gold wasn't too easy to find but me mate Peter found a bunch.

Will write again soon when things on the diggings have calmed down. Off to seek my luck.

Your ever loving daughter,

Eve xx

Sovereign Hill is a great, educational camp. I definitely recommend this for school's who are thinking of attending. It brings to life the 1850s better than any classroom lesson could!