

Life in the Good Old days

Bibliography

Webber, K. *The Australian Gold Rushes Series*, MacMillan Education, Australia, 2001. Six titles.

Daily Life on the Goldfields
Entertainment on the Goldfields
Gold Fever
Growth After Gold
Growing Up on the Goldfields
Law and Order on the Goldfields

In 1851, after gold was discovered, the whole country caught 'Gold Fever'. This useful reference series explains how Australia was never the same again. The modern pictures mixed with the old photos of family life bring the books to life for students studying the gold rushes. Years 4-6.

Parry, A. *The Gold Rushes series*, MacMillan Education, Australia, 2007. Four titles.

The Discovery of Gold
Everyday Life on the Goldfields
Gold Rush Journeys
Riots, Robberies and Rebellions

This series presents four different perspectives on the people and places of the gold rushes. It includes, journeys written in diary form, profiles on bush rangers, photographs, paintings and different methods of finding gold. Suitable for years 3-6.

Coupe, R. *Australia's Gold Rushes*, New Holland, Sydney, 2000.

This is an excellent teacher background resource. Also suitable for Years 4-6 for use as reading comprehension activities.

Duggan, M. *How They Lived In The Gold Rush Era*, Macmillan Education, Australia, 1992.

A good introduction to the discovery of gold, what happened and how people survived. Suitable for Years 3-6.

Nicholson, J. *Gold! The Fascinating Story of Gold in Australia*, Allen and Unwin, Sydney Australia, 1994.

This books tells you everything you wanted to know about the gold rushes from alluvial mining, building, food and cooking, working conditions, gold legends, environmental impact and much more. Excellent illustrations. Suitable for Years 4-6.

Tonkin, R. *To the Goldfields!*, Allen and Unwin, Sydney Australia, 2000.

A beautifully illustrated and informative story about family life on the goldfields. Suitable for Years P-6 as a class story or individual reading.

Wheatley, N. *My Story A Banner Bold: The Diary of Rosa Aarons*, Scholastic Press, Sydney Australia, 2000.

The fictional diary of a girl on the Ballarat goldfields, before and just after the Eureka uprising. Suitable for Years 3-6.

Metzenthén, D. *Time Turns on Spooky Hill*, Word Weavers Press, Australia, 2004.

Cal and Mitch stay late in an historical theme park, one set up like an old goldmining town, and people they presume to be actors seem to be doing things for real. Clever, vivid and attention-catching. Suitable for Years 3-6

Coleridge, S. *Gold Fever*, Lothian Books, Australia, 2006.

An excursion to Sovereign Hill with a difference. This ensuing adventure story is told through the main character, Bert who when he arrives at Sovereign Hill changes his mind, it really is fun – like it really is a step back in time, right down to the costumes and dusty streets. Suitable for Years 3-6

French, J. *Valley of Gold; one valley's stories of gold through the ages*, Harper Collins, Australia, 2003.

Eight fictional stories arranged chronologically alternate with short nonfiction essays, all about the history of an Australian valley starting from the formation of the Earth. The chronicling of the changes to this small part of the Earth are in a way quite shocking, especially the dispossession of the Aborigines and destruction wrought by mining. With each change the valley endures, taking on a new appearance, and oddly enough the effects of change appear to be unpredictable. Suitable for Years 5-7.

Bradby, D. *The Seriously Weird History of Australia, vol 1 and 2*, and *The Seriously Weird History the of the Goldfields*, Seaview Press, South Australia, 2007.

In these book you can explore the Ballarat and Victorian goldfields in weird and fun ways. The series of books explores such topics, as every day life, women, role of animals, mining etc. Suitable for Years 3-6.

Ciddor, A. *Through Children's Eyes*, Macmillan, Australia, 1995.

A series of six books that present 2 contrasting lifestyles using informative text and vibrant illustrations. Suitable for years 3-6.

Sedunary, A. *Lure of Gold*, Reed International Books, Australia, 2000.

Good information about gold and its value, getting to the gold rush, life on the goldfields and more. Information is supported by diagrams, maps and photographs. Suitable for years 3-6

Murray, K. *Bridie's Fire*, Allen and Unwin, Sydney, Australia, 2003.

Bridie's parents and baby brother die in the Irish Potato Famine. She leaves Ireland, and strikes out alone to claim a life for herself in Australia. Suitable for Years 5-6, excellent for serial reader.

Teacher Resources

Fox, O. and M. *Discovering Gold*, Wizard Books, Ballarat, Australia, 2003.

This kit provides a complete background to everything you wanted to know about the gold rushes in Australia. Includes background information and blackline masters. Suitable for Years 4-6.

Blainey, G. *Black Kettle and Full Moon*, Penguin Books, Australia, 2003.

A guided tour of a vanished Australia. Covering the years from the first gold rush to World War I. Blainey paints a fascinating picture of how our forebears lived; in the outback, in towns and cities, at sea and on land. He looks at all aspects of daily life, from billycans to brass bands, from ice-making to etiquette. The engaging text is further brought alive by an evocative selection of contemporary illustrations. Good background information for the teacher on every day life in Australia before World War I.

Websites: (all websites last viewed March 2010)

Sovereign Hill Museums Association
www.sovereignhill.com.au/education

SBS: Gold
www.sbs.com.au/gold

Visit Victoria - Gold rush history
www.visitvictoria.com/displayobject.cfm/objectid.000325D8-C01B-1AA9-954B80C476A90000/

Background to the Victorian Gold rushes and the people who immigrated because of this and the significance of this on the colony of Victoria.

Museum Victoria – Marvellous Melbourne
<http://museumvictoria.com.au/marvellous/gold/streets.asp>

Australian Government culture portal
<http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/articles/goldrush/>

Electronic Encyclopedia of Gold in Australia
<http://www.egold.net.au/biogs/EG00112b.htm>

Primary school – free resources for teachers
<http://www.primaryschool.com.au/humansocietyresults.php?kla=Human%20Society%20and%20Its%20Environment&unit=Gold>