Life in the Good Old days

Bibliography

- *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.

- *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.


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


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


This book 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.


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


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


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.


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.


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.
In these books 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.

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

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.

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**

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.

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 1.

**Websites:** (all websites last viewed March 2010)

Sovereign Hill Museums Association

SBS: 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

Australian Government culture portal

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

Primary school – free resources for teachers