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EVENTS



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Peopling of Australia



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Captain Arthur Phillip, 1786, by Francis Wheatley.
Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales, ML 124

Willem de Vlamingh

Statue of de Vlamingh.
Photograph by Moondyne, Wikimedia Commons

James Cook

Captain James Cook, RN.
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Open hand stencil on cave ceiling.
Australian Rock Art, Griffith University

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Ships off IJsselmonde, 1618, by Aert Anthonisz.
Rijksmuseum Amsterdam

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Portrait of Captain Matthew Flinders, RN, 1774–1814, 1806–07, by Toussaint Antoine De Chazal De Chamereel. Gift of David Roche in memory of his father, J.D.K. Roche, and the South Australian Government 2000.
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide

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Bark painting depicting Macassans boiling down trepang, 1964, by Mathaman Marika, Yirrkala.
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Willem Janssen

Janssen's ship, the *Duyfhen*, in the Gulf of Carpentaria.
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TEACHER INFORMATION SHEET



Background

Kspace takes visitors to the Endeavour River in 1770, where Captain James Cook and his crew met the local Aboriginal people, the Guugu Yimithirr. Initial conflict led to what is now recognised as one of the first acts of reconciliation between the two peoples.

Cook was the first European to map the east coast of Australia, but he did not 'discover' Australia as was once commonly thought.

Instructions for teachers

This exercise sheet encourages children to think about when different groups of people first came into contact with the Australian continent.

Students match the explorer or people to the year and event by writing the appropriate number in the circles provided.