



a Different Time

The Expedition Photographs of Herbert Basedow
1903-1928

Education activity — 'Expedition technology, then and now'



**Expedition camp, Oodnadatta, South Australia
1903**

Photograph by Herbert Basedow
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- Ask your students to imagine that they are Herbert Basedow and are about to give a short presentation on his 1903 expedition to the Royal Society of South Australia. Using the information found at [South Australian Government prospecting expedition, 1903 \(PDF 414kb\)](#) as source material, ask them to write and present to the class a two-minute presentation on the expedition. Encourage them to consider the main points they will need to make and the style of writing suited to that era. Videotape the presentations if possible; watch them later and ask your students to compare the content and language styles of the presentations.
- Divide your class into two groups. Each group is about to undertake a major expedition in Central Australia. One group is to be Herbert Basedow and colleagues travelling in 1903; the other is a group of researchers travelling in the year 2008. Ask your groups to make a list of the equipment and provisions that are representative of expedition technology from each year. Look for any similarities and differences between the lists. Ask your students to put together a timeline from the year 1903 to 2008. On this timeline ask them to identify the development of expedition technology and the effects these developments have had upon research and exploration.