



a Different Time

The Expedition Photographs of Herbert Basedow
1903-1928

Education activity — 'Jim, the Chinese gardener'



Jim, the Chinese gardener, Durham Downs station, Queensland 1919

Photograph by Herbert Basedow
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- Ask your students to discuss this photograph in the context of Chinese immigration to Australia with particular reference to the *Harvest of Endurance* scroll – an online resource found at http://www.nma.gov.au/collections/collection_interactives/harvest_of_endurance_html_version/
- Ask your students to imagine that this photograph is about to be published in a 1919 Australian newspaper and that they have been assigned to write the article which will accompany this photo. Ask your students to choose their own topic, keeping in mind who was reading newspapers in Australia at that time and the style of writing appropriate to those readers.
- Ask your students to consider the differences in life opportunities which may have been presented to immigrants coming to Australia in 1919. Encourage them to look at the challenges immigrants faced. Ask them to identify and list the opportunities for immigrants; encourage them to keep in mind factors such as climate, culture, society, the economy, geography and law. Suggest that they use the Immigration Restriction Act 1901 as a resource, which can be found at <http://www.foundingdocs.gov.au/item.asp?sdID=87>.