

Bedanug, Thunadha, Bedhan Lag and Tuidin – Possession Island

James Cook, 22 August 1770: I now took possession of the whole eastern coast ... in right of his Majesty King George the Third ... with all the bays, harbours, rivers, and islands situated upon it. Use these questions to help you explore the place where Cook claimed possession of the east coast of Australia. Watch 'Ankamuthi on Possession Island' and 'Kuarareg/Gudang Yadhaykenu on Possession Island'. Write your thoughts or wonderings about this place in the shapes around your map.

Naming a place

- 1 This place has many Indigenous names. Why do you think there are so many?
- 2 What did Cook name this place? Why do you think he named it this?
- 3 At the top of your page design a title using the English name and one of the Indigenous names. Include the date the *Endeavour* sailed through here. Label it on your map.

Ankamuthi

- 1 What do Ankamuthi men and women do when they are on the island?
- 2 Why do you think the gathering of food is important?
- 3 What is an earth oven and how is it used?
- 4 Write three cultural connections Ankamuthi people have with the island.

Kuarareg/Gudang Yadhaykenu

- 1 Why is the island important to the Indigenous peoples of this area?
- 2 How are they connected with the island?
- 3 Michael Solomon talks about what connects him with the island and his culture. What is it? Why do you think this is important?
- 4 Find the Indigenous names for: turtle, bush plum, bush peanut, crayfish, pipi.

View from the telescope

1 Cook and Banks wrote about what they saw on the shores of the islands as they sailed past. Draw a picture of what you think they could see from the ship.

Remembering

1 How do you think we should mark the anniversary of the *Endeavour* voyage, now and into the future?