Endeavour Voyage: Kamay – Botany Bay

This inquiry-based activity for students should be used in conjunction with Endeavour Voyage: Kamay – Botany Bay material.

In this activity, students explore the first landing by Cook and his crew on the shores of the Australian continent. They will learn that there are two sides to this story: one from the ship and one from the shore.

Students will have the opportunity to watch ‘This is our country’ and ‘The arrival of Cook and the Endeavour’, and learn about the Dharawal community. As they explore, students will learn about spears and their significance for the Dharawal people. They will reflect on their learning through a worksheet with questions designed to engage multiple layers of cognitive skills.

Bringing it together: Suggested activities

Using the information students gather from the digital exhibition you could:

- use an on-line learning tool to create an interactive quiz for your students.
- ask students to research spears, how they are made, their importance to the Dharawal people, and the continuing connection of spears to the Endeavour story.
- after watching ‘The arrival of Cook and the Endeavour’ ask students to create a cartoon or picture book of the landing as told by Shayne Williams and Rodney Mason.
- explore ‘Stories of our place’ and ask students to paint or draw their interpretation of the stories using Aboriginal art techniques. Create a classroom display of the Dreaming stories.
- explore the ‘Extraordinary plants – Knowing plants’ area of the website. Ask students to design a digital presentation or poster about one or more of the plants found at Kamay – Botany Bay.

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Student worksheet