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| **Thoughts and Questions:** | **Europeans in Australia**   * The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 1600s were the first Europeans to reach Australia. * In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Captain James Cook claimed Australia for Britain. For a time, however, Australia remained too distant to attract European settlers.   **The First Settlers**   * Like most regions claimed by imperialist powers, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had long been inhabited by other people. The first settlers had reached Australia perhaps \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years earlier, probably from Southeast Asia, and spread across the continent. * These indigenous people were called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a word used by Europeans to denote the earliest people to live in a place. Today, many Australian Aborigines call themselves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * They were isolated from the larger world and lived in small hunting and food-gathering bands, much as their Stone Age ancestors had. * Aborigines groups spoke as many as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ district languages. When white settlers arrived in Australia, the indigenous population \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disastrously.   **A Penal Colony**   * During the 1700s, Britain had sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to its North American colonies, especially to Georgia. The American Revolution closed that outlet. Prisons in London and other cities were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * To fill the need for prisons, Britain made Australia into a penal colony, or a place where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ criminals are sent to be punished. The first British ships, carrying about 700 convicts, arrived in Botany Bay, Australia, in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Those who survived the grueling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-month voyage faced more hardships on shore. Many were city dwellers with no farming skills. Under the brutal discipline of soldiers, work gangs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lands for settlement.   **The Colonies Grow**   * In the early 1800s, Britain encouraged free citizens to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Australia by offering them land and tools. A prosperous wool industry grew up as settlers found that the land and climate suited sheep herding. * In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a gold rush in eastern Australia brought a population boom. Many gold hunters stayed on to become ranchers and wheat farms. As the newcomers settled in, they thrust aside or killed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   **Achieving Self-Government**   * Australia was made up of separate colonies scattered around the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Britain worried about interference from other European powers. To counter this threat and to boost development, it responded to Australian demands for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Britain helped the colonies unite into the independent commonwealth of Australia. The new country kept its ties to Britain by recognizing the British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was its head of state. * The Australian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ drew on both British and American models. |