

Early Settlement

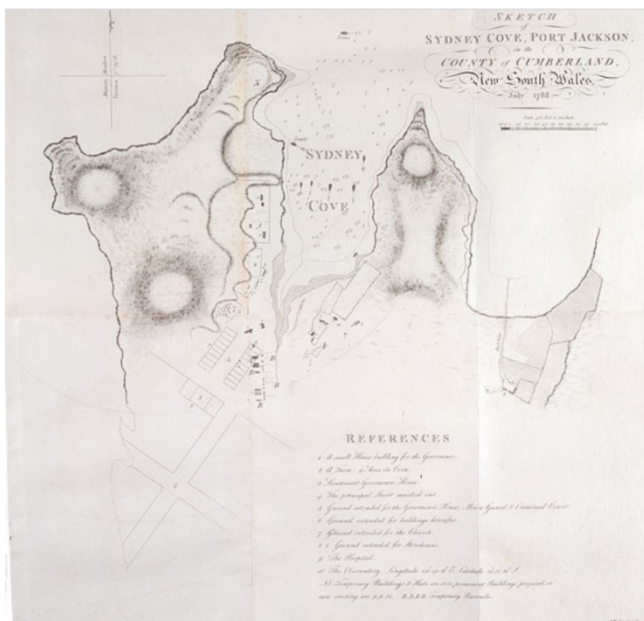
The first settlement, at Sydney in 1788, consisted of about 850 convicts and their Marine guards and officers. They were led by Governor Arthur Phillip. Over the next 80 years, British courts sentenced more than 160,000 convicts to transportation to Australia.

The Impact on the Gadigal People

Governor Phillip had a kind attitude towards the Aboriginal peoples of Sydney. However, the British presence in Sydney Cove proved disastrous in many ways. In particular with the outbreak of smallpox in 1789. The Gadigal clan of the Eora Nation, on whose land the British settlement was established, was left with only three people by 1791.

Sydney's First Water Supply

When Captain Arthur Phillip sailed into Sydney Harbour in January 1788, one of his main requirements was a reliable fresh water supply. As he sailed around Bennelong Point (now the site of the Sydney Opera House), he saw a wide-mouthed stream running into Sydney Harbour. As the settlement grew, three or four storage tanks were placed at the banks of the stream to ensure water supply. These tanks gave the stream its name – the Tank Stream.



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Questions

1. Who was the Governor of the first settlement?

2. How many convicts, Marine guards and officers arrived in 1788? (Circle the answer)

550 / 850 / 160,000

3. The Gadigal clan of the Eora Nation are the Aboriginal people that live in and around Sydney Cove.

True / False

4. What famous building sits on Bennelong Point?

5. How did the Tank Stream receive its name?
