### Reading Lesson 5: Completion Tasks

## **Completion Tasks – activity one**

## **European Settlement of Australia**

European settlement of Australia began in 1788 when a British penal colony was established on the east coast. From this starting point Australia grew rapidly and continually, expanding across the entire continent.

A number of reasons contributed to Britain's decision to colonise Australia. The most important factor was Britain's need to relieve its overcrowded prisons. Several violent incidents at overcrowded prisons convinced the British government of the need to separate unruly elements from the rest of the prison populace.

Additionally, Australia was of strategic importance to Britain, and it provided a base for the Royal Navy in the eastern sea. Also, Australia could be used as an entry point to the economic opportunities of the surrounding region. All these points figured in the decision by Lord Sydney, secretary of state of home affairs, to authorise the colonisation.

To this affect, on May 13, 1787, Captain Arthur Phillip, commanding eleven ships full of convicts, left Britain for Australia. He successfully landed a full fleet at Botany Bay on January 18, 1788. However, they left the bay eight days later because of its openness and poor soil, and settled instead at Port Jackson, a few kilometres north. The ships landed 1,373 people, including 732 convicts, and the settlement became Sydney. Australia Day is now celebrated on 26 January each year, to commemorate this first fleet landing.

### Questions 1-5

Complete the summary below. Use ***NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.***

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*1. Australia was originally founded as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*2. The major consideration in colonizing Australia was Britain’s  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*3. It was thought that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could be gained in that part of the world due to the access provided via Australia.*

*4. Lord Sydney took every factor into account when he gave official permission for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Australia.*

*5. Botany Bay was abandoned by the settlers due to the lack of cover and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

## **ANSWERS**

## 1. british penal colony

## 2. overcrowded prisons

## 3. economic opportunities

## 4. colonisation

## 5. poor soil

## **Completion Tasks – activity two**

**Dirty River but Clean Water**

Floods once raged through the canyon every year. Spring Snow from as far away as Wyoming would melt and swell the Colorado river to a flow that averaged around 1,500 cubic metres (50,000 cubic feet) a second. These floods infused the river with sediment, carved its beaches and built its sandbars. However, in the four decades since the building of the Glen Canyon dam, just upstream of the Grand Canyon, the only sediment that it has collected has come from tiny, undammed tributaries. This lack of flooding has harmed local wildlife. In the years since the Glen Canyon dam was built, several species have vanished altogether. These include the Colorado pike-minnow, the razorback sucker and the round-tail chub. Meanwhile, aliens including fathead minnows, channel catfish and common carp, which would have been hard to survive in the savage waters of the undammed canyon, have moved in. So flooding is the obvious answer. Unfortunately, it is easier said than done. Floods were sent down the Grand Canyon in 1996 and 2004 and the results were mixed. In 1996 the flood was allowed to go on too long. To start with,all seemed well. The floodwaters built up sandbanks and infused the river with sediment.

Questions 1-4

**Complete the summary below.**

Choose **No More Than Two Words** from the passage for each answer.

The snow from far Wyoming would melt in the season of 1…………………… and caused a flood flow peak in the Colorado river. In the four decades after people built the Glen Canyon Dam, it only could gather 2…………………… together from tiny, undammed tributaries. Then, several species disappeared including Colorado pike-minnow, 3…………………… and the round-tail chub. Meanwhile, some moved in such as fathead minnows, channel catfish, and 4……………………..

**Answers**

1. Spring
2. Sediment
3. Razorback sucker
4. Common carp