



Australian Government

ENDEAVOUR VOYAGE

The Untold Stories of Cook and the First Australians

The cultural story of Gulaga – Mount Dromedary

This inquiry-based activity for students, inspired by the exhibition *Endeavour Voyage: The Untold Stories of Cook and the First Australians*, should be used in conjunction with other material from the cultural story of Gulaga – Mount Dromedary.

In this activity, students explore the sighting of Gulaga – Mount Dromedary by Cook's crew on board the HMB *Endeavour* and the legacy of the voyage for the Yuin people of the region. 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 'Mount Gulaga and Gurung-gubba' and hear Yuin people's stories. A worksheet with questions designed to engage multiple layers of cognitive skills will help them reflect on their learning.

Bringing it together: Suggested activities

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

- use an online learning tool to create an interactive quiz for your students.
 - create a wall display of the mountains. Have students write words, phrases or facts about the Gulaga – Mount Dromedary story and add these to the display.
 - discuss students' impressions of what life was like at Wallaga Lake Reserve and ask them to write a letter or article expressing this.
 - ask students to connect to their own surroundings and paint or draw a landmark that makes them feel like they are home. It may be a favourite tree that is blossoming in spring at the front of their family home or a park they enjoy playing in with their family and friends. Write a short story about this landmark to accompany the artwork.
 - extend the learning journey by completing the '[**Deep time history of Australia**](#)' learning module.

Naming a place

James Cook, 21 April 1770:
At 6 o'clock we were a brace of a pretty high mountain, which we called Mount Dromedary in honour of Sir James, because it was the name of his ship.

What did Cook call the place Mount Dromedary?

- After reading Captain Cook's diary entry, create your own diary entry from a First Nations point of view. What do you think the people on the crew would have named the British ship?

Naming a place

1. Listen to the story, design a title using both the Indigenous name and the English name.
2. Include the date of the first sing of this place by the Endeavour crew
3. What is the name of the place?
4. Why is it important to First Nations people of the area?

Story of the pelican

In the video, what did the old people think Cook was?

- What is the story of the pelican?
- How does the story directly connects to Cook and the Endeavour?

Story of Gulaga

- Which First Nations people tell the story of Gulaga?
- What is the First Nations story of Gulaga?
- How many years ago did this story be born?

Walga Lake Reserve

Indigenous people have stories about living on the reserve.

- Why were people moved onto the Walga Lake reserve?
- What has Cook's arrival meant for the Yulin people?
- How can we help protect the Walga Lake Reserve?

Looking out to sea

What do the Yulin people of Gulaga/Mount Dromedary think of places where they think the Yulin people live from the shore when Cook was sailing in?

Student worksheet

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Where our Stories come alive

