

Activity sheet 2A

Expert activity sheet – People of the North West region: Aboriginal peoples

1. Which local tribe did the Aboriginal people of this region belong to?
2. What were the three main clan groups and what land did they occupy?
What do their names mean?
3. What different kinds of evidence of Aboriginal occupation have been found in caves in The Hills Shire?
4. What activities did the local Aboriginal people engage in?
5. List the main foods hunted and collected by the local Aboriginal people.
6. What did they do to ensure the sustainability of their food supply?
7. How were the following natural resources used by the Aboriginal people in this region?
 - a. Plants and grasses
 - b. Animals
 - c. Creeks and rocks
 - d. Forests
8. What forms of body decoration did the Aboriginal people practise and why?
9. Describe the impact of European settlement on the Aboriginal people of this region.
10. What forms did Aboriginal resistance to European settlement take?
11. What evidence is there that the Darug language has survived?



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Activity sheet 2B

Expert activity sheet – People of the region: Convicts and the Castle Hill Rebellion

1. What was the cause of the Battle of Vinegar Hill?
2. When did it happen?
3. What role did Irish convicts play in the rebellion?
4. Who was their leader?
5. Who was the Governor of the colony at the time?
6. What role did Major George Johnston play?
7. Briefly outline the main developments in the Castle Hill Rebellion.
8. Why did the rebellion fail?
9. How were the rebels and their leaders punished?
10. Where is Vinegar Hill in relation to Sydney Metro Northwest? Why is it called Vinegar Hill?



Figure 10: Convict uprising at Castle Hill 1804, artist unknown, National Library of Australia an5577479.

Activity sheet 2C

Expert activity sheet – People of the North West region: Free settlers and ex-convicts

Choose TWO of the following and use The Hills Shire Council website to find out about them:

1. William Joyce
2. Matthew Pearce and family
3. Joseph and Mary Ann Harrison
4. Andrew and Elizabeth McDougall
5. George and Sarah Suttor
6. Richard and Jane Gilbert
7. Hugh Kelly
8. Pierre Lalouette de Vernicourt (Baron de Clambe)
9. Richard Rouse

For researching Richard Rouse

<https://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/rouse-hill-house-farm>

Questions to answer about people you have chosen:

1. When did they arrive in the colony?
2. Where did they settle?
3. What activities did they engage in on their properties?
4. How did they interact with other people of the region?
5. What contribution did they make to the history of the region?
6. What physical evidence of their presence in this region remains?
7. With which new Sydney Metro Northwest station are they associated?



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Activity sheet 2D

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