

Lore of the Land: Cultural Influences

Stories

Read the overview of Australia's migration history. In which of these waves of migration did the members of your family arrive?

Look at the time-line in the Land Issues section. What were some of the significant events in this period of Australia's history?

Use the following questions to help you record details of the arrival in Australia of the first members of your family. Record your answers in your



journal. Consider sharing your family history in the forum on the web at www.loreoftheland.com.au.

- a) From what countries did your ancestors or your immediate family emigrate?
- b) Why did they choose to migrate to Australia?
- c) What method of travel was used for the journey? How long did the journey take?
- d) Were any difficulties experienced by them during the journey?
- e) What possessions did they bring to Australia?
- f) How did relatives and friends who stayed behind in the home country feel about members of the family emigrating?
- g) How was or is contact maintained with any family members or friends still resident in the home country?

h) Is the sharing of experiences with those still in the home country seen as important by members of your family?

Look at the images and hear the voices of some of the people who have made the journey to Australia from other countries and cultures.

What can you see in these faces?

What do their words evoke in you?

Conduct an interview with someone newly arrived in Australia.

Use the headings: THE JOURNEY

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

A NEW LIFE

as a guide for the interview or use the list of questions you yourself answered.

Discuss with the members of your class to determine similarities and differences of your interviews.

Record your findings in your journal

