

Willetton's Got Talent

Varshan - Area 14, Year 6

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Area 20

Do you think it was a good idea to start a Colony in Western Australia in 1829?

I think it was a good idea to start a colony in Western Australia. Because of the population of people in the Swan River Colony it boosted the population of people in Western Australia. The population of people in the Swan River colony was 1500 and the aboriginal people were not included. Some other reasons are that if they didn't start a colony in Western Australia no one would really come here except explorers. Australia would be empty and the aboriginal people would be the only people here.

As I see it, if they didn't make a colony in Western Australia no one would have come here and there would be no city or houses just bush land. Some other reasons are that if there was no colony in Western Australia maybe no one would know about the country. More reasons are that the colony they made in Western Australia made a lot of people come and live here which made a lot of people want to come to Western Australia from other parts of the world.

From what I know, if they didn't make the colony in Western Australia Perth wouldn't be made and no one would really come here and all there would be is trees, grass and bushland. Because of the colony in Western Australia the population boosted, more people came to Western Australia and hospitals, houses and city's were made. Some doctor's came to Western Australia and one of them named William Lane Milligan opened the first hospital in the colony in Western Australia. When more people came to the colony it was easier to make houses because there was more people to help cut down trees to get more wood to make the houses.

The main point is that it was a good idea to start a colony in Western Australia because it led to more people coming to Australia, the population boosting and houses, city's and hospitals being made. A lot of people became famous like James Stirling the leader of the colony and the one who persuaded the British government to establish the colony. William Lane Milligan the first person to open the first hospital in the colony. There is more people like Mrs Helen Dance who drove an axe into a tree to mark the foundation of the colony and Charles Fremantle who declared the colony. In the colony it was easier to farm because there was a lot of land but they had to find the right soil

because some of the seeds they brought from London didn't work in Australia. Everyone in the colony had fresh air and sunlight because the colony wasn't covered. Everyone in the colony in Western Australia did not break the laws so the colony was running smoothly. Everyone in the colony used the Swan River as a main route to travel from the colony to Fremantle. In the colony it was easy to get wood to make houses because there was a lot of trees and a lot of people to help cut the trees down.

Overall I think it was a great idea to start a colony in Western Australia.

By Ayaan

Very well written Ayaan.
Shakal 21/12/20.



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This persuasive piece of writing was well-organised and easy for me to follow well done!

Viishnu

Was it a Good Idea To Start a Colony in W.A? SWAN RIVER SETTLEMENT

As far as we all know, the Swan River Settlement is now the great city we now call Perth. This city had first been settled over 200 years ago and has become an immense system which has made an impact on many people's lives. The Swan River Settlement has gone far, and will go much further, with the many great things. This has been a long topic debate and for since the city was built.

When you start a colony, you need food, and this is what thrived The Swan River Settlement with a great farming industry, and a variety of climates for different soils which create different tastes. The sector places a high value on overseas markets, with agriculture being WA's second major export industry. The state exports around 80 percent of its agricultural production. In 2016/17 WA exported an estimate 8.5 billion in agriculture and food products. Perth has farm areas around the country and at least 75% of fruits and vegetables in stores are WA grown.

The tourism in Perth (Swan River Settlement) has a wide range of activities and places including Elizabeth Quay, the Swan Valley, Kings Park and Botanic Gardens, Fremantle, Perth Hills... the list is endless. Every year there are almost 5.7 million tourists visiting Perth! That's almost double the actual state population! Tourism is a key economic driver, generating 100,000 jobs and injecting 12.2 billion dollars into the Western Australian economy by Gross State Product. Although the Gold Coast rules the tourism industry W.A and Perth itself are a growing industry with many more fun places to go; like the recent sporting best; the Optus Stadium settled on the Swan River in Burswood opened on the 21st January 2018.

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Viishnu

Many people come here from overseas and interstate applying jobs because of the many opportunities, Perth's economy continues to grow, with Gross State Product to increase by 2% over next year. This is despite a deterioration in the global and national economic outlook. Perth has 100,000 businesses such as the big ones, like, Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton, Chevron, Woodside Petroleum, ConocoPhillips, Inpex, Newmont Mining, Barrick Gold etc... Currently the employment rate in Perth is 93.6%, which means there's potentially a higher chance of finding part-time work. Plus, Perth is still a small city, so there are less students vying for the same work placements.

Perth is considered Australia's 'education city'. Education is really at the heart of Perth. The city has not one, but five world-class universities and a variety of TAFE/vocational institutions to choose from, all with flexible study path ways. In fact with so many universities and educational institutions scattered throughout, sometimes Perth can feel a little like a bustling vibrant 'student city'. That means you will have a vast amount of support from both the local and national students studying around you. Universities in Perth are also some of the fast-growing leaders in science and innovation, as they are recognised all over the world. With various study subjects in science and innovation for a degree like, Conversation Biology, Cyber Security, Physics, Marine and Fresh Water Science, Mathematics and Counter Terrorism.

Overall, Perth is a great place, only starting from just an axe, a few captains and temporarily staying labours. People worked hard for what is today and has become amazing success. The education, the farming industry, the job opportunities, the tourism... But this is only the beginning with new specials along the way. If you stop by, make sure to take a look!

You are a highly skilled writer, Viishnu.
Shakal 21/12/20



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I thought your conclusion was the perfect fit. It fit really well with the rest of the text writing and drove your main points home again. well done!

Area 17

It was Absolutely a Marvellous Idea to Colonise the Swan River

By Amrit

Do you know how awesome our beautiful city called Perth is? There's the beautiful Swan River, Kings Park, Rottnest Island with the cute little quokkas (rat like native fauna that aren't rats or pests), but also what you don't see in Perth is exhilarating. Have you ever been to the South West? There are beautiful green forests there that never turn brown and awesome rock formations like Sugarloaf Rock and Canal Rocks. And what about the Australian economy? All those landmarks attract thousands of keen tourists every year, making lots of money that helps not only WA, but the whole nation since a portion of it goes to the other states. Plus, magnificent discoveries like Kalgoorlie (world's largest gold mine) benefit everyone and the economy. I bet you can already see that what unfolded from the colonisation of the Swan River (now Perth, not the Swan River Colony) is highly unique and spectacular, as well as the wonderful discoveries that were made soon after the colony was settled.

Have you ever driven east to Kalgoorlie? I haven't, but I'm sure it's awesome there. Fun fact: Kalgoorlie has the world's largest gold mine, which is so deep that its volume (length x width x height) would be have to be measured in cubic kilometers (km³)! All that profit obtained by selling that precious gold benefits our economy, as well as the national economy! Have you ever been to Nature's Window, the Bungle Bungles, Canal Rocks, Sugarloaf Rock or one of Esperance's beautiful beaches (i.e. some of the world's best beaches)? Those are beautiful landmarks and create memories that last a lifetime. Not only do they benefit the tourism industry, but they also attract thousands of people each year! Haven't you been to Rottnest Island? It's awesome there, too! The beautiful beaches, the adorable quokkas, I could go on forever! None of this beautiful land would be seen if the British hadn't colonised WA. At the very least, it could've all gone differently, as well as the fact the others were interested in the land down south, so the river wouldn't have been colonised and we wouldn't have a city on the banks of such a lovely river if Britain hadn't colonised us on May 2, 1829.

We've all been to Perth City, and that I know for sure. The tall buildings, the beautiful scenery, nothing would be there if Britain hadn't colonised the Swan River. Our city is appealing with many tourist attractions. Our splendid snake shaped Swan River makes for great riverside walks and exercise, as well as a beautiful view! If you go into the city, there are tall buildings all around you! Those are spectacular too! What about our sacred and special Kings Park? With arguably the best view in the world as well as being immense (32.4 ha, 324,000,000 m²), there's something in that park for everyone. Thanks to John Forrest, this park is for everyone and cannot legally be cleared or purchased by ANYONE for 1000 years onward, not even the government! None of this would've been there (apart from Kings Park and the River, though they wouldn't be open for public use) if the British hadn't colonised the Swan River. In contrast to all that, the land was still beautiful before colonisation, but people now get to see the beauty: it's a big city, not a chunk of land in the middle of nowhere.

In January 1901, all the separate colonies joined together to form one whole federated nation. If we hadn't been colonised by Britain, we would have probably been colonised by the French, Spanish or Dutch. We could've been driving on the other side of the road, speaking a different language and even isolated from the rest of the nation under a different government. It's good for the national economy to have another state, in fact, the largest and most diverse in Australia, part of the whole nation. The money collected from the tourism industry and taxes not only benefit WA, but a portion of that money collected actually goes to the rest of the nation! We can also receive support in times of crisis that helps everyone and makes an economic collapse less likely. It's also easier for everyone if travelling to such a beautiful state doesn't mean travelling international, learning to drive on the other side of the road and learning a new language. It's also better as we all do things together. Now it's definitely clear why it was a superb idea of Britain's to colonise the Swan River!!!

Forget about the idea that Britain should have left this beautiful and valuable section of land alone and colonised somewhere else or not colonise at all. It was a great idea to stop overpopulation in Britain and to make a portion of land so scenic and splendid, as well as generating profit for the whole nation. The French, Spanish and Dutch were also sniffing around here, while the French were looking to colonise the land down south. I don't know about the Spanish and Dutch, but Perth would've been very different if they'd colonised. I understand it was highly difficult for those colonists and Captain James Stirling, but eventually, it turned out to be absolutely worth it! In contrast to all this, Aboriginals were treated inequally, though the colonists could've just treated them better, and now we are trying for reconciliation, like the fact that since 2008, it has become a legal, mandated requirement that every mass gathering must have an 'Acknowledgement of Country' at the start and also Reconciliation week. Now the fact is inevitable that Britain's colonisation of the Swan River was a great and favourable idea!!!



An old painting dating back to at least 1829 showing the houses of the Swan River Colony built on the shore of the Swan River.

Mature writing Amrit.
Well done.
Wmndal 2/7/20



Colonising Australia was a Bad Idea

By Reagan Wenn

When British Captain James Stirling arrived in Australia he was greeted with anything but the report that James Cook gave. The harsh conditions were devastating. Colonists treated aboriginal people atrociously and caused environmental destruction! This new land was right next to the salty Swan River and was full of peaceful aboriginals wanting to keep their own country. Not the most magnificent land to colonise don't you think?

The English colonists had no chance to grow food in the harsh Australian conditions. English colonies had to face the dangerous and poisonous Australian animals. Some of these animals include the snake and the spider! Crops that the English tried to plant were hopeless as the ground was sandy and the water salty. Another dreadful thing was the weather, with scorching sun and hardly any rain the English had no chance for growing any crops. But later on they found different ways of planting and harvesting crops which is one of the two economy boosters in Australia.



Horrible farmland in the 1830s

The English were horrible to the ancient Australian flora. When the English colonies first arrived they introduced new animals such as foxes who ate all our native possums and rabbits who ate all the crops that survived the sandy soil! The English also chopped down trees for the wood that was used for housing. The trees that they didn't chop down for wood they cleared for crops that didn't even grow! But they did bring sheep which is another of the main economy boosters in Australia!

English colonies did no good for the Australian aboriginals. When Stirling and his ship landed on what had been aboriginal land for tens of thousands of years, they brought new diseases that their immune system had never fought before. This is a contributing factor to aboriginals being killed. Another thing that decreased aboriginal lives is the English colonists killing aboriginals on what was apparently 'their' land! When English colonists needed water they tied aboriginals up, fed them salted beef and let them go leading them to the water source. English colonists are the reason for the dreadful decrease in aboriginal lives! Not all of the English were horrid to aboriginals however some helped them and some even made friends with aboriginals!!

The English could have thought better when colonising the Swan River. With all of the harsh conditions, deadly diseases and aboriginal massacres they were just horrid to the Australian bushland and the native aboriginals! Most of these repulsive people didn't have any respect for the native things of Australia!!

Your argument is particularly well written, Reagan.
Well done.

Wmndal 2/7/20



WILLETTON'S WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

News in 2020

Congratulations to all students that participated in the Willetton Primary School Cross Country. Every student showed the Willetton way of our four values. Also, congratulations to Gold Faction! I am looking forward to our Interschool Cross Country, which will be on the 19th of August. Please make sure you keep up to date with what is happening to the students who have made it.

Athletics Carnival is in week 2, Term 4 so make sure you are trying your hardest at Whole School Sport.

Any information or questions, please come find me in my office, Cluster 1.

Mr Gotti



BEFORE



Massive THANK YOU!

I would like to take this time to thank Mr Pontillo (Caleb and Sienna Dad) for volunteering to paint the goal posts on the Main Oval. Mr Pontillo and Mr Gotti gave the oval a fresh new look.

Make sure you do the right thing and not to hang on the

AFTER



WILLETTON'S WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

Willetton Primary School Cross Country

