

activities

history

DISCUSSION
IF YOU WERE TRAVELLING
ACROSS THE SEAS TO
ANOTHER COUNTRY,
WHAT WOULD YOU
TAKE WITH YOU +
WHAT WOULD YOU MISS?

PACKING FOR A LONG JOURNEY

DESCRIPTION

Create a visual list of what an imaginary passenger might pack for a long journey across the seas

RESOURCE

Research tools, writing/drawing materials and/or device

SKILLS REQUIRED

Research, writing, drawing, imagination

HOW IT WORKS

Research life at sea for immigrants during the nineteenth century and discuss what life was like for passengers on their long journeys to Australia

In a handbook published in 1863 called 'Out at sea, or, The emigrant afloat : being a hand book of practical information for the use of passengers on a long sea voyage', by Philip B. Chadfield it is suggested that passengers pack the following items:

- 6 shirts
- 6 stockings (socks)
- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 pair of boots
- 1 warm coat or cloak
- 1 light hat
- 1 warm hat
- 1 mattress, 20 inches by six feet
- 3 pairs of bedsheets
- 2 blankets
- 1 towel
- Tin-pots (for food)
- Lantern
- Baking dishes and saucepan
- Cups and mugs
- knives, forks and spoons
- Mirror, brushes, combs, razors
- Soap
- Candles
- Baking soda and cooking oils
- Washing soda (for clothes, towels and bedsheets)

Create an imaginary character who is migrating from one country to Australia in the nineteenth century. Give this character a name, a profession and a country they are migrating from. Then decide what the character will bring on their sea voyage. You may want to pick items from the list above or come up with your own.

Create a visual list of what your character has packed for their trip. This may be a collection of drawings, a collage or images found online.