**Convicts and Colonisation Reading Questions**

Using the information on the web page below, answer the questions that follow:

[Why were convicts sent to Australia? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-convicts-reading/)

1. In which year did the first European convicts land in Australia?
2. Why did Britain establish a transportation system to Australia?
3. What were most people arrested for during this time?
4. What are "hulks" in the context of this passage?
5. Who was Arthur Phillip?
6. How did the British initially view the First Nations peoples' system of law and land ownership?
7. What does "terra nullius" mean in Latin?
8. Why were crime rates high in Britain during the 17th and 18th centuries?
9. What was the average age of a criminal in Britain during this period?
10. How did the British government initially deal with the overflow of prisoners?
11. When was the system of transportation first put into place?
12. Why did Britain stop sending convicts to America?
13. What was the First Fleet?
14. Why was Botany Bay deemed unsuitable for a penal colony?
15. How were the convicts treated upon their arrival in Australia?
16. What was the reaction of the First Nations peoples to the arrival of the British?
17. How did the colony evolve over the years?
18. By what year did the transportation of convicts to Australia end?
19. Approximately how many convicts had been transported to Australia by the end of the transportation period?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your reading, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What were the* [*causes and consequences*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/causes-and-consequences/) *of the First Fleet in 1788?*