Task for *The Rabbits*

**Historical events portrayed in *The Rabbits***

This activity requires you to explore the major events in Australia’s history that are portrayed in *The Rabbits* and analyse the information and perspectives presented.

In pairs or groups of three, you will be allocated one double page from *The Rabbits*. These pages relate to a specific event or theme relating to the interaction between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The pages/topics are listed below along with a link to get you started with your research.

"*They won’t understand the right ways*"
Early exploration and the study of Australia’s flora and fauna - 1770
- Joseph Banks’ specimen collection

"*They came by water*"
The landing of Captain Cook at Botany Bay - 1770
- The landing of Captain Cook at Botany Bay 1770

"*They made their own houses*"
The First fleet and settlement at Botany Bay – 1788 and onwards
- The First Fleet

"*They brought new food, and they brought other animals*"
Early farming and grazing by Europeans – 1788 onwards
- Colonial farming practices

"*Sometimes we had fights*"
Conflict, oppression, massacres and frontier violence
- Conflict and frontier violence

"*And they stole our children*"
The Stolen Generations
- The Stolen Generations

"*The land is bare and brown and the wind blows empty across the plains*"
Expansion of the colony and its negative environmental impact
- Impact of European settlement on the natural environment
1. Locate your allocated page from *The Rabbits* and complete the information in the table below.

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<th>Summarise what is being presented on this page and identify how this page relates to the theme/topic.</th>
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<th>Identify the main visual literacy techniques used and their effects.</th>
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<th>Explain the Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives of this event/scene.</th>
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2. Using the link provided (and others) research your theme/event and present your findings in a PowerPoint presentation (in your own words). You need to include the main facts about this event, as well as the impact on the natural environment and Indigenous people and/or their culture. Remember to reference your sources at the end of your presentation.

Add how this theme/event was portrayed in *The Rabbits* using the information you gathered through your analysis of your page in the table above. You will be presenting your information and analysis to the class.