**EARLY ABORIGINAL-WHITE RELATIONS IN AUSTRALIA**

**Convicts killed by Aborigines**

On 29 May, 1788, two convicts were killed by Aboriginal men at *Botany Bay* because Aborigines were *losing some of their prime land* and they could not understand why this was happening. Some convicts *provoked* *Aborigines* by mistreating them.

**Phillip thinks he can solve Aboriginal-white problems**

Phillip planned to capture some Aborigines thinking they could be educated to accept the European lifestyle and be *mediators or interpreters in white-Aborigine communications.* Arabanoo was caught at Manly Cove, given clothes and food but caught *smallpox* and died in May 1789. Many Aboriginals died of smallpox (which Aboriginals called ‘galgalla’), catching the disease from white people (who carried the smallpox germs).

**Bennelong, Colbee and Willemering**

Aboriginals, Bennelong and Colbee, were caught by Phillip’s men in November 1789. Colbee escaped but Bennelong was taken to Government House. He escaped in May 1790 and returned to his people in Manly. Phillip and some marines pursued him. Willemering, another Aboriginal, threw a spear at Phillip and pierced his shoulder. It took about two hours to get Phillip back to Sydney Cove where the spear was removed and stitches pulled the wound together.

**Bennelong**

Bennelong was recaptured about a month later along with another Aboriginal, Yemmerrawanine. Both Aborigines stayed with the white settlers and went with Phillip when he returned to England in December 1792. In 1795, Bennelong returned with John Hunter to Sydney. Bennelong later died from wounds inflicted on him in a tribal fight near Sydney. The place where the Sydney Opera House is built today was near where white settlers had built a small dwelling place for Bennelong in the settlement’s early years. It became known as *Bennelong Point*.

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1. Who did *Aborigines kill* on 29 May, 1788?

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2. Why is it thought these people were *killed?*

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3. Who was the *first Aboriginal* *captured by whites in this article*?

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4. Write a reason why Phillip wanted to *capture him*?

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5. Who were the 2 Aboriginals who *went to England with Phillip*?

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6. How did Bennelong *die*?

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7. Who threw a spear and *wounded Phillip*?

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8. Who was *the governor appointed after Phillip* (Bennelong returned from England to Australia with him)?

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9. What disease was carried by *whites* and caused many *Aboriginal deaths*?

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10. a). What do you think the white people *thought about the Aboriginals*?

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      b).What do you think the Aborigines *thought about the white people*?

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