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## 1 A colonial case study

The site of Port Macquarie was first visited by Europeans in 1818 when John Oxley (Surveyor General of the NSW colony) reached the Pacific Ocean from the interior, after his journey to explore inland New South Wales. He named the location after the Governor of New South Wales, Lachlan Macquarie.



John Oxley's notebook entry is an example of a primary source of information.

- Listen to the Word Professor's definition of primary and secondary sources.
- Read the extract from John Oxley's notebook. Underline or highlight significant pieces of information.

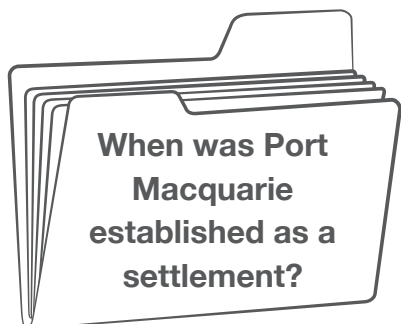
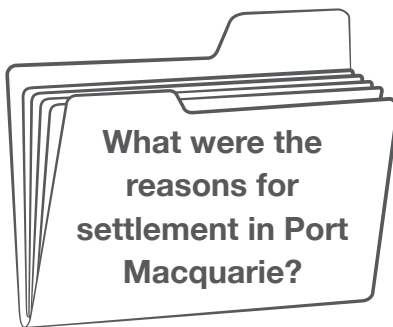
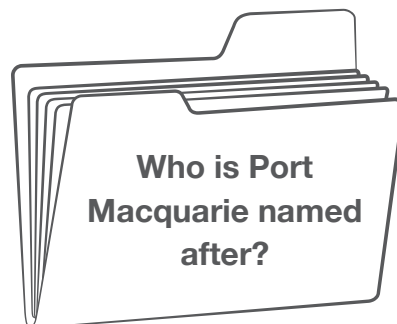
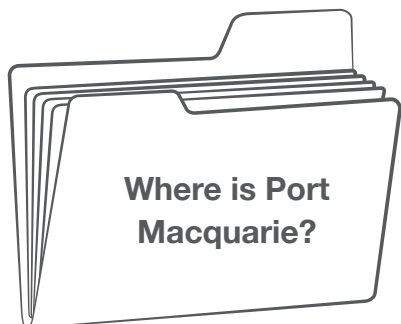
*'the port abounds with fish, the sharks were larger and more numerous than I have ever before observed. The forest hills and rising grounds abounded with large kangaroos and the marshes afford shelter and support to innumerable wild fowl. Independent of the Hastings River, the area is generally well watered, there is a fine spring at the very entrance to the Port.'*

- Why did John Oxley recommend this area as an appropriate site for settlement? List your reasons in order of significance (importance).


**d** Port Macquarie Fast facts

Go to the websites about the history of Port Macquarie.

You may also use other sources of information to answer the fast facts.



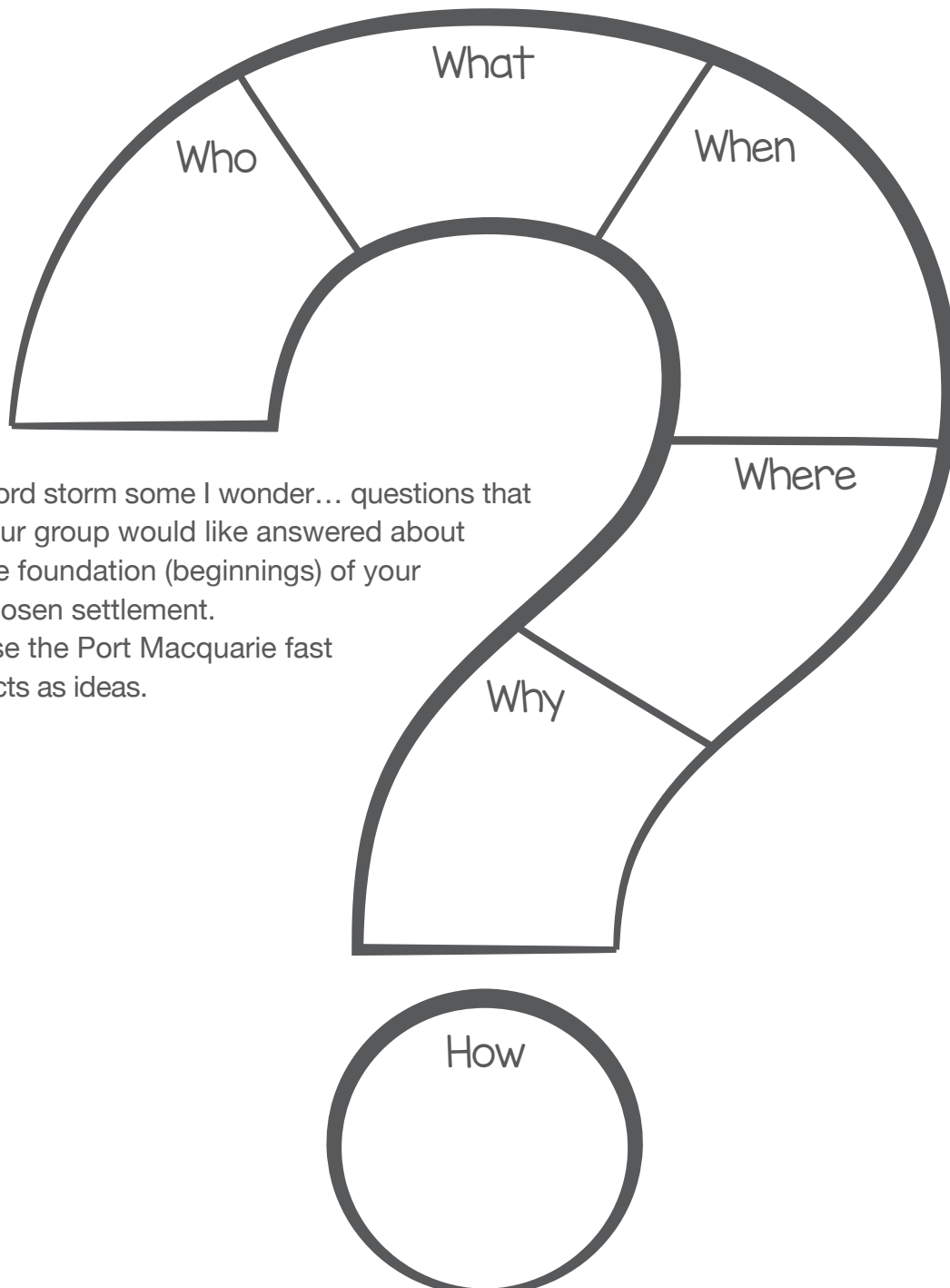
Write your answers here:

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**2** Colonial Settlement Investigation task

- a** With your group (four or five students), choose an early colonial settlement to investigate. Each group must choose a different settlement.

- Van Diemen's Land
- Moreton Bay
- Adelaide
- Palmerston (Darwin)
- Port Phillip
- Swan River Colony
- Norfolk Island
- Port Darwin



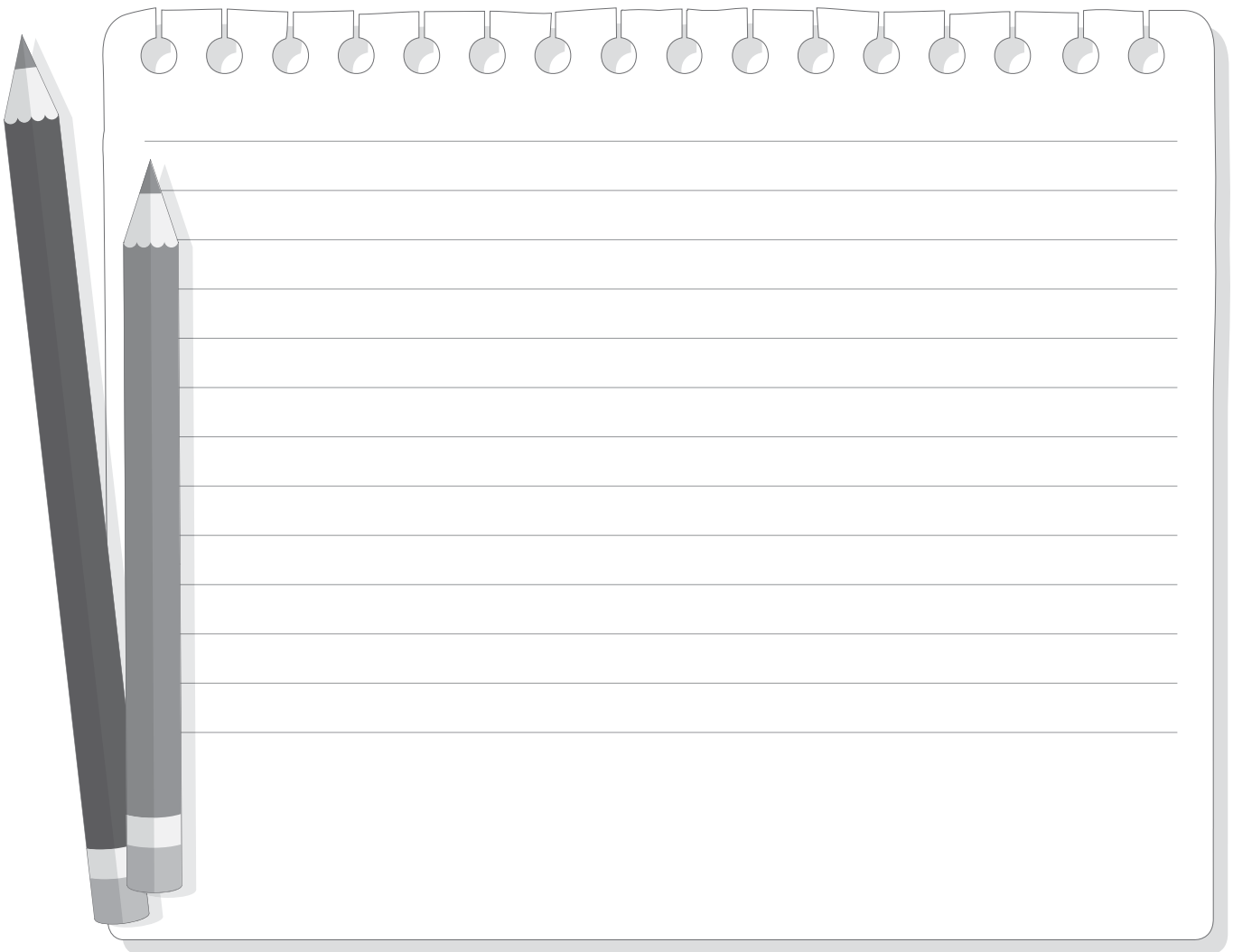
- b** Word storm some I wonder... questions that your group would like answered about the foundation (beginnings) of your chosen settlement. Use the Port Macquarie fast facts as ideas.

**c** Each member of your group must choose a different I wonder... question to research and report back to your group. Use library resources and the internet to complete your research.

**d** My I wonder Question:

I wonder... \_\_\_\_\_

Keep your case notes here:



List some of the sources and references you used under:

Primary Sources


Secondary Sources


**3** Collate (gather) your information to create a presentation.  
This may be an oral or written presentation; the choice is yours.

**4** Take a road trip around your class presentations.

**a** Write the top 5 facts you have learnt about other early colonial settlements.

**b**

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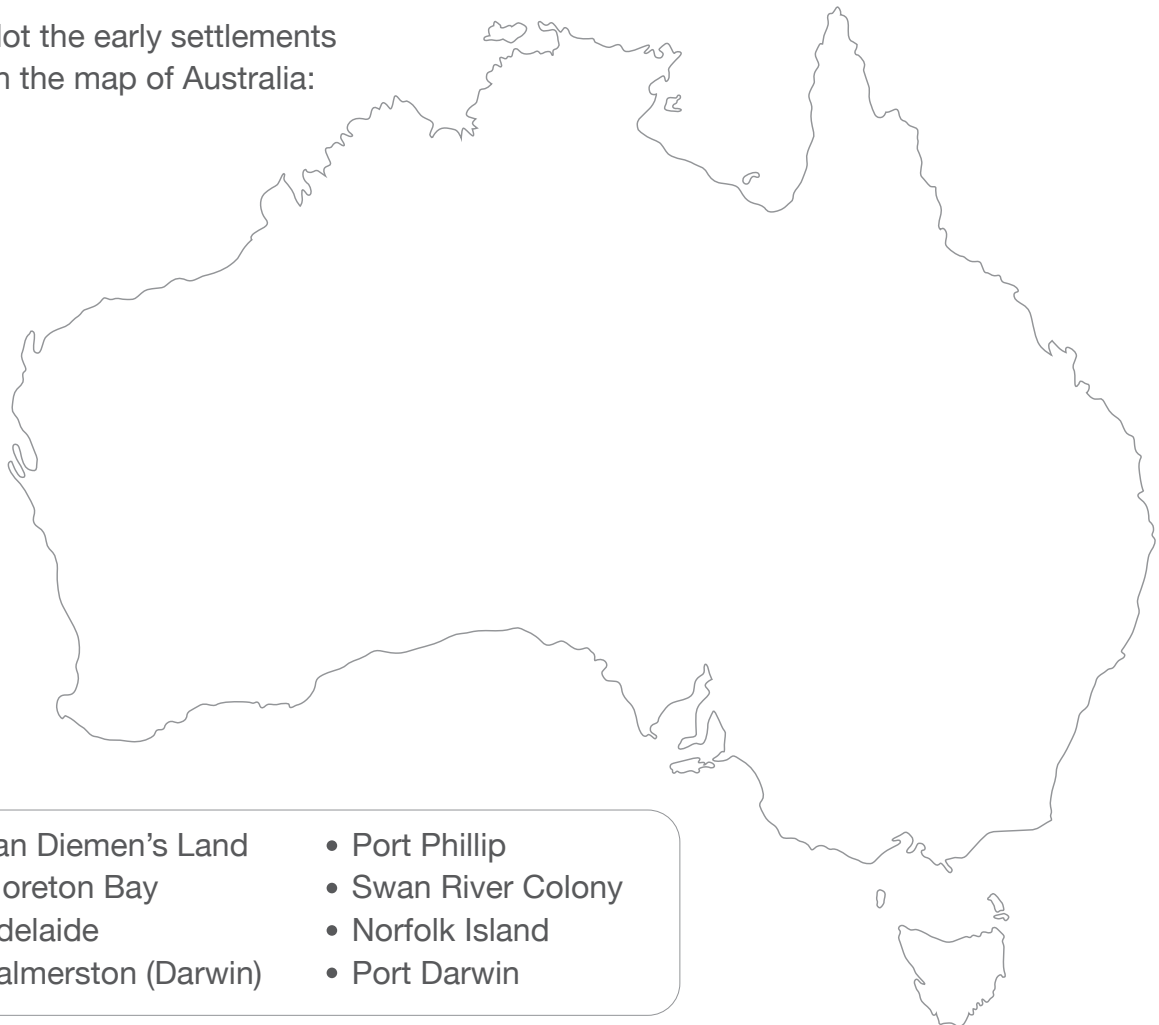


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**c** Plot the early settlements on the map of Australia:



- Van Diemen's Land
- Moreton Bay
- Adelaide
- Palmerston (Darwin)
- Port Phillip
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**5**

**Back to the Future!**

What does your assigned settlement look like now? Create an interactive fact file on your modern town or city e.g. a wiki or google slides project. Write the name of your settlement and its population. Record your ideas in the spaces below.

