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Convicts in Australia Scavenger Hunt – World Book Kids

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1. Who were the convicts in Australia?

2. How many convicts were sent to Australia between 1787 and 1868?

3. Why were convicts transported to Australia?

4. When did convicts transported to Australia start arriving?

5. How did convicts serve their sentences in the colony?

6. What did many ex-convicts do when their sentence was finished?

7. Why did Britain stop transporting convicts in the mid-1800's?

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Answer Key

1. Convicts were the earliest European settlers on the continent of Australia.
2. From 1787 to 1868, Britain sent more than 162,000 convicts to its colonies in Australia.
3. Convicts were men and women who had been found guilty of crimes. British courts ordered them to be transported to Australia as their sentence.
4. January, 1788.
5. Few convicts served their full sentences in prison. Some built roads or buildings. As the colonies grew, most convicts served part of their sentences by working for free colonists.
6. Few transported convicts ever returned home. Many ex-convicts started farms or businesses and had families in Australia.
7. Growing opposition in both Australia and Britain led to laws against transporting convicts.