



## Bushrangers Worksheet

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Questions:

1. Who is said to be the first bushranger?

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2. Who are said to be the last bushrangers?

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3. What kind of crimes did bushrangers usually commit?

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4. In what colonies were bushrangers found?

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5. Name the four bushrangers found in Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania)?

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6. What did the government do to deal with the issue of bushrangers?

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7. Why did people become bushrangers?

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8. Highway robbery was a common crime committed by bushrangers. Who were the bushrangers robbing?

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9. What did the failure to capture the Lachlan men lead to?

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10. Who is regarded as the most famous bushranger?

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11. What crimes did Ned Kelly and his gang commit?

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12. How long did the period of bushrangers run for?

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13. What was Captain Thunderbolt's real name?

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14. When and where did Ben Hall die?

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15. There were 4 members of the Kelly gang. Ned Kelly was one, who were the other 3 members?

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS:**

1. John Caesar
2. The Governor brothers
3. Cattle theft, highway robbery and murder. In early years, some committed cannibalism (eating people).
4. Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania), New South Wales, and Victoria
5. John Whitehead, Michael Howe, Matthew Brady, Musquito
6. Introduced martial law
7. The harshness of the convict system caused men to flee to the bush.
8. Bushrangers targeted those travelling to the gold fields during the Gold Rush.
9. Toppled two colonial governments and led to the re-organisation of New South Wales police forces.
10. Ned Kelly
11. Shot four men and robbed two banks
12. Between 1790 and 1900
13. Frederick Ward
14. May 5, 1865 at Billabong Creek, near Forbes
15. Joe Byrne, Steve Hart and Dan Kelly