

Answers

Bob the Railway Dog, Trains and minerals

Mines, Minerals of the far north of South Australia late 1800s - early 1900'



1

Go to the theatrette, adjacent to the Bob the railway dog display (near to the entrance of the Fitch pavilion). Go to the the South Australian interactive railway map, press the button that is labelled 1900.

Record some of the stations between Peterborough and Broken Hill. Bob travelled on this railway line.

Ucolta, Oodlawirra, Nantabibbie, Nackara, Methuen, Paratoo, Coolawatinnie, Yunta, Winninnie, Oulinina, Mannahill, Wawirra, Outalpa, Olary, McDonalds Hill, Cutana, Mingary, Mutooroo, Cockburn-Burns, Thackaringa, Silverton, Pinnacle Mines

2

List the major ports

**Whyalla
Port Augusta
Port Pirie**

3

List 3 major mines on the Mineral Map

**Kapanda
Truro
Robertstown
Burra
Moonta
Silverton
Broken Hill
Melrose
Iron Baron
Copley
Witchelina**



Answers to questions 4 to 15 can be found in the story by Christine Phillips

Research 1

Stone tools older than 40 000 years have been found in the north and east of Australia. First Nations Australians were Australia's first miners. Many clans went a long way to obtain the prized red ochre.

List other rocks and how were they used.

Answer/Research

Types of rock mined by First Nations Australians included amphibolite, andesite, basalt, blue metal, chalcedony, chert, diabase, granite, greenstone, greywacke, ironstone, limestone, mudstone, obsidian, porphyry, quartz, quartzite, sandstone, silcrete, silicified stone, siltstone and trachyte.

Further research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mintabie,_South_Australia

Mining by Aborigines - Australia first miners NSW

chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgiclfndmkaj/https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/mining-by-aborigines.pdf

Fact sheet: Aboriginal grinding stones

<https://www.firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/fact-sheet-aboriginal-grinding-stones>

<https://www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au/cultural-heritage/aboriginal-stone-artefacts>

<https://libguides.msben.nsw.edu.au/indigenousrocks>

Research

2

Early colonists in South Australia were keen to expand into the vast lands of South Australia. The land was cleared for farming, animals and mining.

What was mining's impact on the First Nations communities?

Answer/Research

<https://www.culturalsurvival.org/publications/cultural-survival-quarterly/old-habits-die-hard-indigenous-land-rights-and-mining>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214790X24000273>

Additional resources

Mining and the gold rush - Victoria

<https://ergo.slv.vic.gov.au/explore-history/golden-victoria/life-fields/aborigines-gold-rush>

https://deadlystory.com/page/culture/history/Gold_rush_brings_more_people_to_Victoria

