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The Impact of Convict Transportation on Early Australia



In the late 18th century, the British government decided to use _____ as a penal colony. This decision was made after the American Revolution, when the United _____ stopped accepting convicts from Britain. The First Fleet, carrying over 700 _____, arrived in Australia in 1788. This marked the beginning of convict _____, which lasted until 1868. During this period, approximately 162,000 men and _____ were sent to Australia for various crimes. Life for the convicts in Australia was harsh but it also offered _____. Many were assigned to work for free settlers, and some were sent to work in _____ works projects. The conditions varied greatly, from relatively lenient treatments to brutal _____ for those who tried to escape or commit crimes. Despite the _____, convict labor was crucial in the development of the Australian _____. They built roads, bridges, and buildings, many of which are still standing today. Convict transportation had a significant _____ on Australian society. It led to the creation of a unique Australian identity, distinct from its British _____. The convicts and their descendants contributed to the diversity of Australia's population, culture, and _____. Over time, the stigma of being a convict diminished, and many Australians now view their convict ancestors with _____. As Australia grew, the need for convict labor decreased. The gold rushes of the 1850s attracted free _____ in search of wealth, further reducing reliance on convict transportation. Eventually, the _____ was abolished, and Australia transitioned from a penal colony to a flourishing nation with its own _____. The legacy of convict transportation remains a key part of Australia's history, shaping the country in _____ that are still evident today.

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