

# The Land Down Under

## Western World Collection 1

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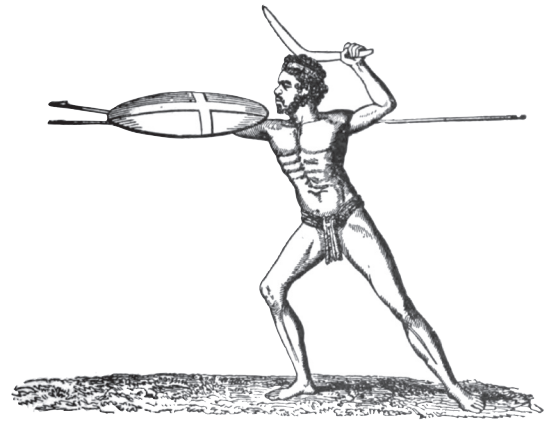
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## Early Australia



### Key Points

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- location:
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## The Australian Gold Rush

It was a humid summer day in Opher, New South Wales, Australia. Edward Hargreaves wiped the sweat from his brow then picked up the bucket of water. He scanned the sandy water as he poured it in the mining cradle. Working along the bank of the Lewis Ponds Creek, Hargreaves was determined to find gold. He knew it just had to be hidden somewhere in the area around him.

He rocked the cradle back and forth and watched as the smaller, finer pieces of sand moved through the sieve while the larger pieces of rock stayed at the top of the cradle.

Hargreaves leaned in closer. Was that a glimmer that had caught his eye?

“John, William, James!” Hargreaves shouted. “Gold! I found gold!” Reaching into the cradle, Hargreaves picked up a small fleck of gold. “Wait, here’s another!” He cried in excitement.

“And another!” John said, joining his side.

“Looks like there are five pieces here!” Hargreaves said, clapping William and James on the back. “We did it, men! We did it! We found gold!”



Edward Hargreaves was one of the first people to find payable gold in Australia. A man or two before him had found gold hidden in the soil of the Land Down Under, but colonial leaders had silenced them from telling others in fear that crime would rise amongst the many local convicts. However, when many Australians began leaving to find gold in the United States the



