

The First Fleet: Glossary & Slang Terms

Glossary

Banks, Joseph:	botanist on <i>Endeavour</i>
Bennelong:	a captured Aboriginal who supplied information about their customs
Cook, James:	explorer who reached the east coast of Australia and named it New South Wales
emancipists:	pardoned convicts
expiree:	a convict who had served his or her sentence
flax:	plant used for making rope and sails
free settler:	a person who chose to settle
hulk:	old ship used as a prison
marines:	soldiers trained for land or sea duty
Philip, Governor:	governor of the first colony
rum:	alcoholic drink used as currency
Smith, James:	only free settler on <i>Endeavour</i>
Tench, Captain:	kept a detailed diary of the first colony



Slang Terms

bell topper:	hat	lobs into:	to call or drop into a place
blow the gaff:	to confess	log:	ball and chain
bully boy:	a good person	lovely gravy:	loot, spoils
cook his goose:	to get even	nob:	a rich person
copper's nark:	police spy	shoot through:	leave
cove:	a rogue	Old Bailey:	a court in central London
divvy:	divide	rum calls:	good friends
government band:	handcuffs	suit of grey:	convict clothes
green:	a new hand	swallow the anchor:	settle down and marry
hard tack:	sea biscuits	togged:	dressed
hook:	to steal	Van Diemen's Land:	Tasmania
Jenny-go-hooch:	alcoholic drink		
larrikin:	a lout		
light-fingered:	prone to stealing		

