The history of Australia as a multicultural nation is a long and complicated one.

Since its beginnings as a penal colony for British criminals, modern Australia has come to represent both the best and the worst of what it means to be a member of the contemporary international community.

For over 150 years, people have looked to Australia as being the answer to their many hopes and dreams; this is sometimes the case and sometimes not.

**YOUR TIMELINE TASK:**

You are to create a timeline of all major events within Australia’s immigration history (as many as you can discover)

Please, only include **MAJOR** events (your definitions of this term will differ).

**QUESTIONS?**

Q: When does my timeline begin?  
A: January, 1788 (First Fleet)  

Q: What form should my timeline take?  
A: A simple series of sub-headings

**INCLUSIONS**

ANY and ALL events (Australian or foreign) that have impacted upon the trajectory of Australia’s immigration journey and its current status as a multicultural nation.

**These events may include:**

- Laws and policies  
- Wars and international conflict  
- Politics and the international community  
- Settlement and colonisation  
- Natural disasters  
- Any other social issue of relevance