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Theme Based Study Sheet

Captain Thunderbolt

Frederick Ward (known as Captain Thunderbolt) was an Australian bushranger.

Thunderbolt's career as a bushranger began in 1865 and ended with his death in May 1870.

He committed over 200 crimes over six and a half years across the northern section of New South Wales.

Captain Thunderbolt was renowned for escaping from Cockatoo Island with the help of his wife.

He always stole fast horses that allowed him to outrun the police on several occasions.

Thunderbolt was known as the Gentleman Bushranger through the courtesy he showed to his victims and that during all his hold-ups not one person was killed.

Do you know any more facts about Captain Thunderbolt?

Wanted poster

Imagine you are a famous bushranger.

Design and make a wanted poster for yourself.

What is your bushranger name?

What were your crimes? What are you wanted for?

What is the reward for your capture?

Are you wanted "Dead or Alive"?

What style of writing will you use on the poster? (font)

Also include a brief description of yourself on the poster.

WANTED
DEAD or ALIVE



for not doing their
homework!

REWARD!

Writing

The year is 1866 and you are a newspaper reporter. Your job is to interview the people who were robbed by Captain Thunderbolt.

List ten questions that you would ask the victims.

Based on your interview, write a brief newspaper article outlining the events of the robbery.

Number Crunchers

Below are some of the crimes attributed to Captain Thunderbolt and his gang:

- 25 mail coach robberies
- 16 hotels and stores
- 16 stations and residence
- 6 hawkers
- 1 tollbar gate
- 80 thefts of horses
- 1 escape from lawful custody

What was the total number of crimes in this list?

What crime was the most numerous?

What crime was the least numerous?

How many more horse robberies were there than hotels and stores?



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