YEAR 5 HASS

The Australian Colonies

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From One Colony to Six

The colony of **New South Wales** was established in 1788. Over the next 70 years, other colonies were created as more settlers arrived and spread across the continent.

Van Diemen's Land (later called **Tasmania**) became a separate colony in 1825. The Swan River Colony, which became **Western Australia** , was founded in 1829. **South Australia** was founded in 1836 as a free colony, which meant no convicts were sent there. **Victoria** separated from New South Wales in 1851, and **Queensland** followed in 1859.

Each colony had its own government, laws, stamps and even its own railway track widths, which made travel and trade between colonies difficult.

Use the text to number the colonies in the order they were established, 1 to 6.

- ☐ South Australia
- ☐ Queensland
- ☐ New South Wales
- ☐ Victoria
- ☐ Tasmania
- ☐ Western Australia

Choose the best answer.

2. What was Tasmania first called?
   (a) New Holland (b) Swan River (c) Van Diemen's Land
3. Which colony was founded as a free colony with no convicts?
   (a) New South Wales (b) Tasmania (c) South Australia
4. Victoria separated from which colony?
   (a) Queensland (b) New South Wales (c) South Australia
5. Why was travel between colonies difficult?
   (a) people were not allowed to travel (b) railway tracks were different widths
   (c) there were no roads at all

Write your answer.

6. How many years after New South Wales was Queensland established?

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1. Top to bottom: 4, 6, 1, 5, 2, 3

Choose the best answer.

2. c) Van Diemen's Land
3. c) South Australia
4. b) New South Wales
5. b) railway tracks were different widths

Write your answer.

6. 71 years (1859 − 1788).

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