

British law arrives in Australia with the First Fleet

Aboriginal Australians had lived here for more than sixty thousand years under their own customs and laws when the First Fleet arrived in 1788 under the control of Governor Arthur Phillip.

Governor Phillip's job was to set up a penal colony or gaol in Australia and he had orders that British law was now to be the system of law in Australia.



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Phillip arriving with the law.

1,480 people came on the First Fleet:



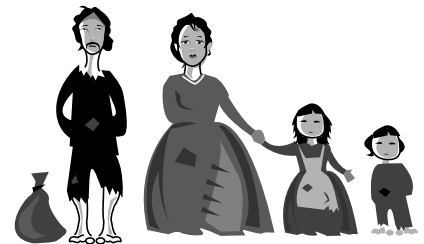
Officials

Governor Phillip
 military officers
 a doctor
 a chaplain
 a surveyor



Soldiers

213 marines
 27 wives and children



Convicts

586 men
 192 women
 13 children of convicts

Who sailed on the First Fleet?

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