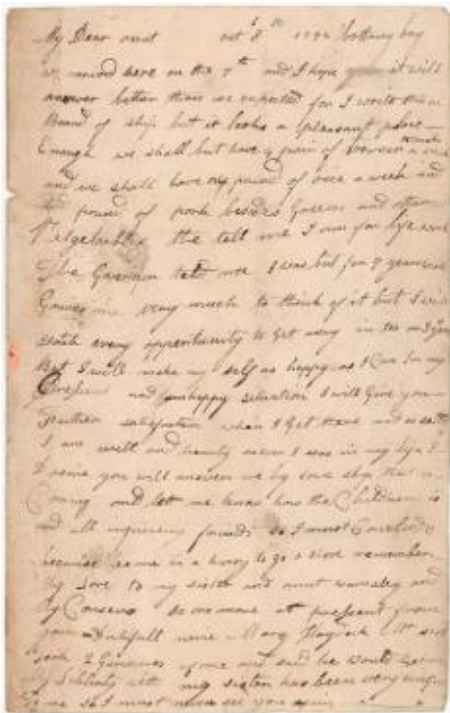


Student learning activity

Ask students to:

1. Analyse Sources 1 to 9 on the life of Mary Reibey and answer the questions.
2. Use the **Research Planner** to develop research questions and conduct research on the life of Mary Reibey.
3. Use Sources 1 to 9 and the results of their research on the impact of the convict experience on the life of Mary Reibey (600 words).

Source 1: Letter written by 15 year old Mary Haydock (Mary Reibey) to her aunt Penelope Hope, Sydney, 8 October 1792



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Transcript of Mary Haydock's letter to her aunt, Mrs Hope.

<http://archival-classic.sl.nsw.gov.au/transcript/2017/D00007/a142.html>

To Mrs Hope

Church street blackburn

Lancashire

Octb 8th 1792 bottany bay

My Dear aunt

We arrived here on the 7th and I hope it will answer better than we expected for I write this on Board of ship but it looks a pleasant place - Enough we shall but have 4 pair of trowser [trousers] to make [last?] a week and we shall have one pound of rice a week and 4 pound of pork besides Greens and other Vegetaibles the [they] tell me I am for life¹ wich [which] The Governor told [told] me I was but for 7 years² wich Grives [grieves³] me very much to think of it but I will watch every oppertunity to get away in too or 3 years But I will make my self as happy as I Can In my Pressent and unhappy situation I will Give you - Further satisfaction when I Get there and is settld I am well and hearty as ever I was in my life I - Desire you will answer me by some ship that is - Coming and lett me know how the Children is and all inquireing friends so I must Conclude because we are in a hurry to go a shore remember - My Love to my sister and aunt wamsley and My Cousens so no more at present from your undutifull neice Mary Haydock Mr Scot Took 2 Ginnues [guineas⁴] of [off] me and said he would get me My Libberty with my sister has been very ungrat [?] To me so I must never see you again

1. Sentenced to transportation for life

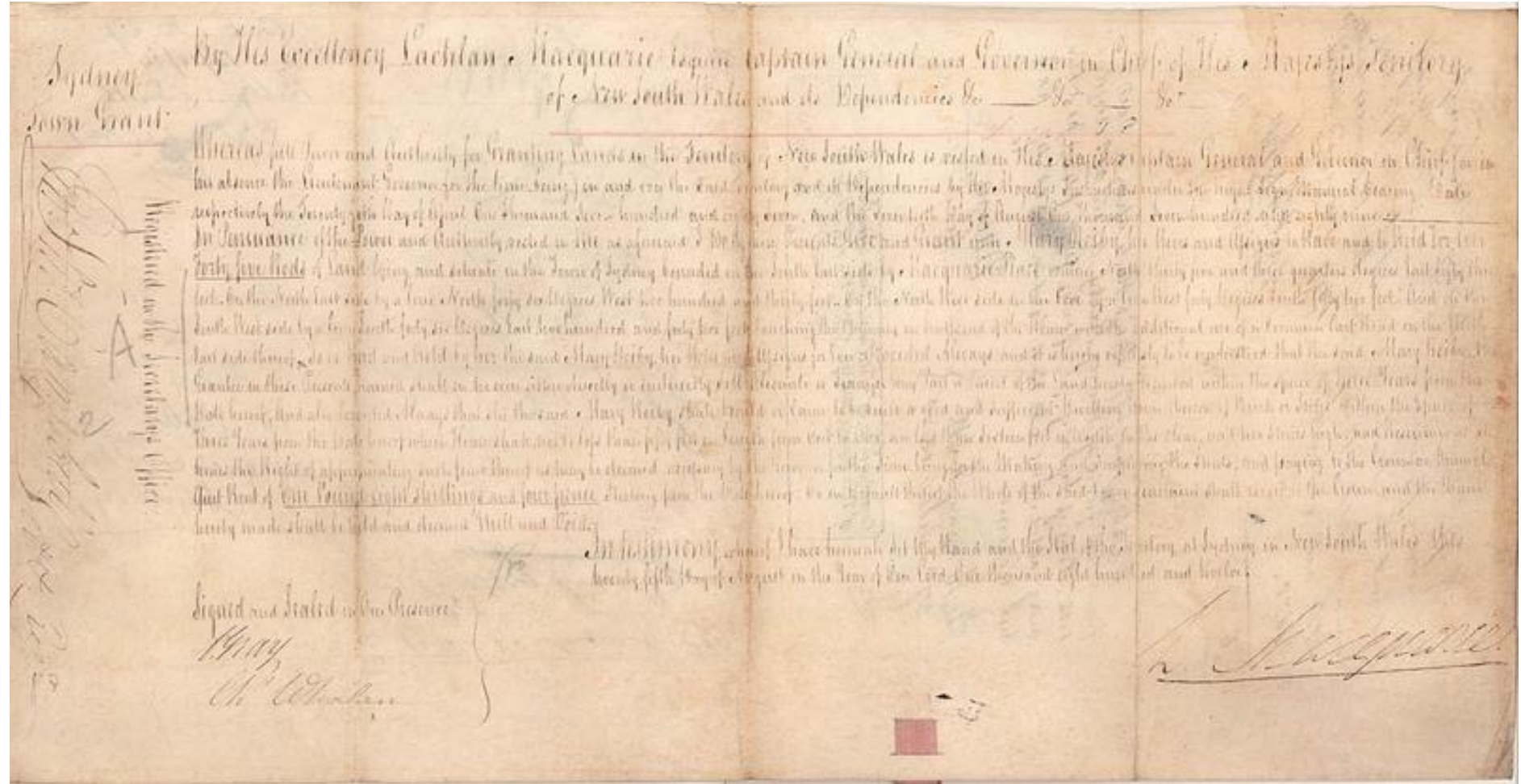
2. 'The Governor told me I was transported for 7 years'.

3. 'Saddens me.'

4. A guinea in British money was worth £1.05 - one pound and one shilling. At this time one guinea was the weekly wage of a journeyman tradesman.

**Note: Mary's spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected*

SOURCE 2: Crown grant of land at Macquarie Place to Mary Reibey, Sydney. Signed and sealed by Lachlan Macquarie 25 Aug 1812.



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Transcript of Crown grant, Sydney Town

<http://acms.sl.nsw.gov.au/transcript/2007/D00007/a128013.html>

By His Excellency Lachlan Macquarie Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies &c, &c, &c

Whereas full Power and Authority for Granting Lands in the Territory of New South Wales is vested in His Majesty's Captain General and Governor in Chief (or in his absence the Lieutenant Governor for the time being) in and over the Said Territory and its Dependencies by His Majesty's Instructions under the Royal Sign Manual bearing Date respectively the Twenty fifth Day of April One Thousand Seven hundred and eighty Seven, and the Twentieth Day of August One Thousand Seven hundred and eighty nine –

In Pursuance of the Power and Authority vested in Me as aforesaid I Do by these Presents Give and Grant unto Mary Reiby, her Heirs and Assigns to Have and to Hold For Ever Forty Five Rods of Land lying and situate in the Town of Sydney bounded on the South East side by Macquarie Place bearing North thirty five and three quarters degrees East fifty three feet; On the North East side by a line North forty six Degrees West two hundred and thirty feet; On the North West side in the Cove by a line West forty Degrees South fifty two feet; And on the South West side by a line South forty six Degrees East two hundred and forty two feet touching the Chimney in South end of the House, with the additional use of a Common Cart Road on the North-East side thereof; To be had and held by her the said Mary Reiby, her Heirs and Assigns for Ever; Provided Always, and it is hereby expressly to be understood that the said Mary Reiby the Grantee in these Presents named shall in no wise either directly or indirectly Sell Alienate or Transfer any Part or Parcel of the Land hereby Granted within the space of Three Years from the Date thereof; And also Provided Always that she the said Mary Reiby shall Build or Cause to be built a good and sufficient Dwelling House thereon of Brick or Stone within the space of Three Years from the Date hereof which House shall not be less than fifty feet in Length from Out to Out, nor less than Sixteen feet in Width in the clear, and two Stories high; and reserving at all times the Right of appropriating such part thereof as may be deemed necessary by the Governor for the Time being for the Making and Improving the Streets, and paying to the Governor Annual Quit Rent of One Pound eight shillings and four pence Sterling from the Date hereof; Or in Default thereof the Whole of the said Lot or tenement shall revert to the Crown, and the Grant hereby made shall be held and deemed Null and Void.

In testimony whereof I have hereunder Set My Hand and the Seal of the Territory, at Sydney in New South Wales this twenty-fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve.

[signed:] L. Macquarie

Signed and Sealed in Our Presence

SOURCE 3: Keystone from House of Mary Reibey located in Sydney, 1812.



Keystone of house built for Mary Reibey D

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SOURCE 4 Letter from Mary Reibey to her cousin Alice Hope, 12 August 1818.



Letter from Mary Reibey to her cousin Alice Hope, 12 August 1818 Digital Order Number: a3233001

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Mary writes about her family, business interests, conditions in Sydney, and her preparations for a visit to England, her first since transportation in 1791.

SOURCE 5: Ivory miniature watercolour of Mrs Celia Wills, daughter of Mary Reibey, ca. 1820.



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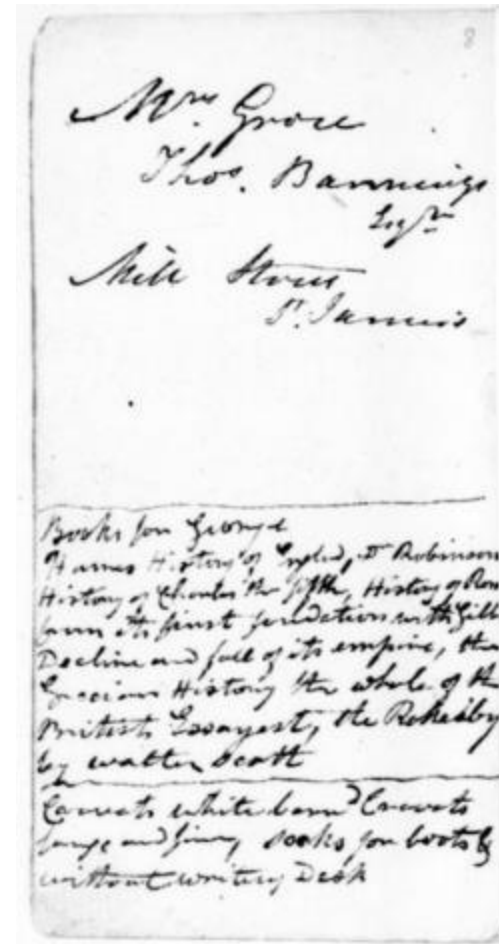
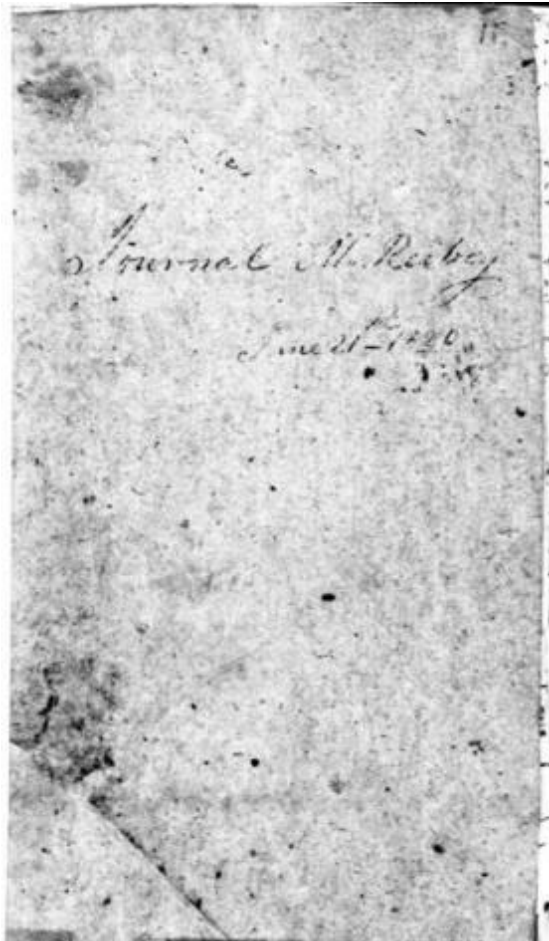
SOURCE 6: Ivory miniature watercolour of Mrs Jane Penelope Atkinson, daughter of Mrs Mary Reibey, ca. 1828.



[Mrs Jane Penelope Atkinson daughter of Mrs Mary Reibey, ca. 1828 - watercolour on ivory miniature

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SOURCE 7: Mary Reibey's journal, 1820-1821



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In this journal written in 1820, Mary Reibey documents her visit to England with her daughters Celia (Source 4) and Elizabeth. They visited many relatives in Lancashire, had their portraits painted in Glasgow and went to the theatre in London.

In April 1821 Mary Reibey made arrangements to return to Sydney. During the long wait for the ship to leave she bought goods for herself and for her shop in Sydney. The ship finally left England in July 1821.

Entries from Mary Reibey's journal, 1820-1821

<http://acms.sl.nsw.gov.au/transcript/2015/D25918/a1454.html>

20 June 1820

'It is impossible to describe the sensation I felt when coming to the top of Dorwen Street my native home and amongst my Relatives and on entering my once Grandmothers House where I had been brought up, and to find it nearly the same as when I left nearly 29 years ago all the same furniture most of them standing in the same place as when I left but not one person I knew or knew me, but was fully requited by my Cousin Miss Alice Hope who was in expectation of our coming, her and Miss Ward (an old acquaintance of all the family) met us at the Door with all the affection and love of a sister.'

22 December 1820

'Set out for Bury Mr Hargreaves taking me in his gig [a small carriage] to a place called Openshowfold where I found my old nurse and her husband who was both so gratified they hardly knew how to contain themselves with joy. The old Lady said she was sure she could not have rested in her grave had she not have seen me they said they was both in their eighty first year of their age and both looked as if they would live 20 years longer - we went on to Bury about a mile further where we put up at the Grey Mare an Inn about 20 yards from where my mother lived in the wild but all those Houses had been pulled down to make improvements to the Church. ..Mrs Hargreaves and I went to the old Church at Bury to procure the Certificate of my age the Clerk and I looked through the Register Book of parchment and I decisioned at first I was Born in the year of our Lord 1777, May 12th and christened 29th.'

**Note: Mary's spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected.*

SOURCE 8: - Ivory miniature watercolour of Mary Reibey in her late fifties, around 1835.

You may have seen this image before; a version of it is on the \$20 note.



Mary Reibey, ca. 1835 - watercolour on ivory miniature

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SOURCE 9: Mary Reibey's house in Newtown built in the 1840s.



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This photo of Reiby House was taken about 1923. The house was demolished in 1961. Mary Reibey lived here until her death in 1855, aged 78.

