



Teacher Resource

Gold Price

Focus Questions

Discuss the BTN story as a class and record the main points of the discussion. Students will then respond to the following:

1. In pairs, discuss the BTN Gold Price story. What were the main points discussed?
2. Approximately, how much does a kilo of gold cost at the moment?
3. How has gold been used by people in ancient history? Give an example.
4. When was the gold rush in Australia?
5. Which countries are the top 3 gold producers in the world?

Activity: Note Taking

Students will practise their note-taking skills while watching the BTN Gold Price story. After watching the story, ask students to reflect on and organise the information into three categories. What information in the story was positive, negative, or interesting?



Activity: Class Discussion

Discuss the information raised in the BTN Gold Price story. Record the main points of the discussion on a mind map. Here are some questions to guide the discussion:

- What words do you associate with gold?
- Think of as many uses as you can for gold. Make a list.
- When was gold discovered in Australia?
- What impact did the Gold Rush have on Australia?



What did you learn from the story?

What questions do you have about the story?

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KEY LEARNING

Students will learn more about the significance of gold over time and find out more about the gold rush in Australia and its impact on the country.

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The impact of a significant development or event on an Australian colony.

The reasons people migrated to Australia and the experiences and contributions of a particular migrant group within a colony.

Activity: Word Cloud

Students will brainstorm a list of key words that relate to the BTN Gold Price story and create a word cloud. A word cloud is a visual made up of important/key words relating to a topic. Ask students to think of words they associate with gold. Create a word cloud using a free online word cloud creator such as [Word It Out](#). Working in pairs, students can clarify the meanings of the words included in their word clouds.



Activity: Gold Research

Discuss the information raised in the BTN Gold Price story. What questions were raised in the discussion and what are the gaps in students' knowledge? Students will develop their own question/s to research or choose one or more of the questions below.

- What are the properties of gold?
- Why was gold so important to ancient civilizations?
- Why was gold used as currency in the past?
- What does gold symbolise in our society? Think about images and references in advertising, films, music etc.
- What was the gold standard and why did countries use it?
- What impact did the discovery of gold have on Australia? Consider the wealth it created, immigration and social change.
- Who was Edward Hargraves and what role did he play in Australia's gold rush?
- Why was the gold rush a key event in the development of democracy in Australia?
- What impact did the gold rush have on Australia's population?
- Where in Australia can you find gold? Research and create a map of goldfields and mines (both past and present) in Australia.

Activity: Snapshot of Australia's Gold Rush

Watch this live sketch [animation about the gold rush](#) from the National Museum of Australia. It gives a snapshot of the events leading up to the gold rush in Australia and the impact it had on the country. Students can respond to the following questions:

- Briefly summarise the events leading up to the Gold Rush in Australia.
- What was Edward Hargraves role in the discovery of gold in Australia?
- What impact did the discovery of gold have on Australia?
- Name three facts you learnt watching the animation.



Activity: Choose a project

Students will choose one of the following activities to work on and then present their findings to the class.

Summary

Summarise the BTN Gold story in three sentences. Share your summary with another student. How did your summaries differ?

Gold Rush Game

Can you strike it rich during the gold rush?
Play [this game](#) to learn more about the discovery of gold in Australia in the 1800s.

Did you know?

Using the information in the BTN story and your own research, create a *Did You Know* fact sheet about gold. Publish using [Canva](#).

Largest Gold Nugget

Investigate the largest gold nugget ever discovered. What was its weight and value? Find out what the value of gold is at the moment. Calculate the value of an ounce of gold in Australian dollars.

Activity: Quiz

Students will use the facts they have discovered about gold to create a quiz and then test their classmates. Students will include a range of quiz styles, for example:

- Multiple choice
- True or false
- Fill in the blank
- Use photos or pictures
- When an answer is revealed, provide extra information to explain the answer.



Students can make their quizzes in [Kahoot](#) or [Quizizz](#). Make it fun, engaging, and educational!

Useful Websites

- [Record high gold prices prompt revival of outback Queensland mines](#) – ABC News
- [Gold Rush](#) - BTN
- [Gold Rushes](#) – National Museum Australia