

# **LIFE ON THE GOLDFIELDS**

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The Gold Rush, a very famous gold era in Australia, attracted many people from all over the world, forcing them to co-live with each other in order to survive life on the Goldfields. The miners, people from all over the world, decided to make small towns to live in. These towns were called Canvas towns because of the canvas-like material the houses were made out of. Obviously, because of the panning in the rivers to find gold, fresh water was limited and fresh food was scarce. With the miners licence that the council sent out, came claims. These were small plots of land that miners marked out with a shovel, where they were allowed to dig, but because of finding no gold, people became mean and usually stole other miner's claims. The miner's 'canvas towns' had street signs and street names from back in Europe. The canvas towns were so well organised, that they were better organised than Melbourne itself. Undoubtedly, life on the Goldfields was tough, but that didn't stop the miners from finding out ways to co-exist together.

