

Billy Can

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Inquiry Questions/ discussion topic examples

- How and why did the tea industry in the Australian colonies develop and/or change in the second half of the 19th Century and what impact did the gold rush have on this?
- Looking at the role of Chinese tea importers and Chinese tea merchants during the gold rush era in Australia;
 - how did this impact the predominantly British population of the colonies?
 - how did the everyday life of the goldfields reflect the multicultural community living there (looking at migrants from European and Asian countries)?
- Assess the significance of the billy can:
 - As an important cooking tool on the goldfields
 - How did the billy can develop and why; what improvements were made over time and why?
 - As an Australian icon: how and why did this connection develop?
 - Does this reflect other changes within the colonies?