



## *LOST! A TRUE TALE FROM THE BUSH*

### **THE HISTORY DETECTIVE**

Use a magnifying glass to find the following characters in this image of bushrangers in the late 1800s:

- A Royal Mail coach
- The bushrangers' horses
- A man escaping
- A scared lady
- A man in a mask
- A man with a rifle

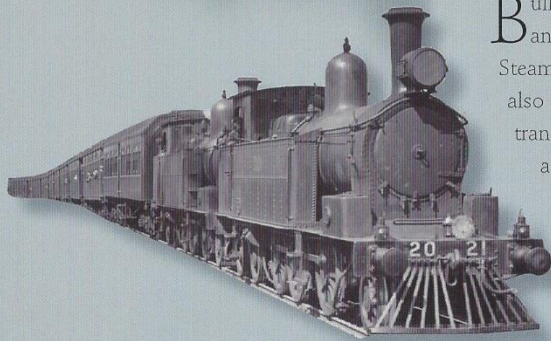


To go on a long trip, families caught a horse-drawn Cobb & Co. coach. These coaches travelled between major towns, carrying passengers, mail and newspapers. Travelling in a coach wasn't comfortable as it was hot, dusty, crowded and bumpy. And sometimes it was dangerous, because bushrangers often ambushed the coaches, stealing the mail and the passengers' valuables.



People travelled between towns in crowded, bumpy coaches.

Bullock drays (wagons) moved heavy goods and building materials around the countryside. Steam trains, paddle steamers, boats and coaches also carried freight. These different types of transport carried passengers from place to place, as well. The coaches and trains provided important communication links between towns and cities, and allowed families to keep in touch across the vast continent of Australia.



Trains carried both people and goods around the countryside.

## HISTORICAL STORYTELLING

- Read this information from *Lost! A True Tale from the Bush* about travelling by coach and train in the 1800s.
- Write a story about being on a coach that is attacked by bushrangers.
  - Where are you traveling from and to?
  - What are the bushrangers after?
  - What do they steal?
  - Do they get away?
- Give your story a catchy title!



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