

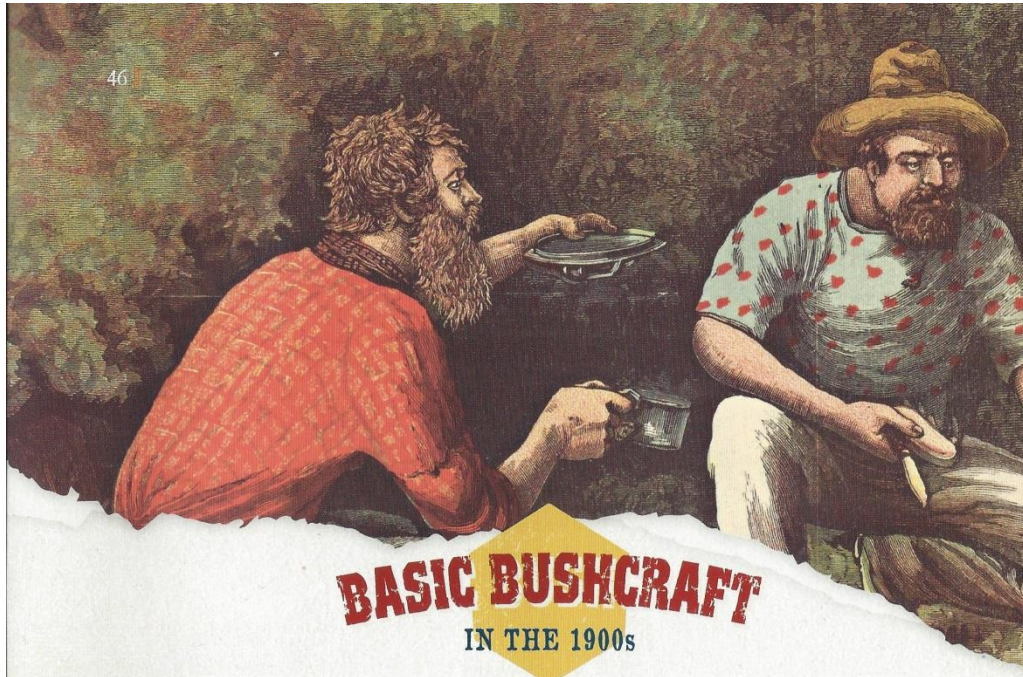
***WILL THE WONDERKID:
TREASURE HUNTER OF THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK***
THE HISTORY DETECTIVE



Use a magnifying glass to find the following things in this image of men camping out in the late 1800s:

- A billycan
- A cork hat
- A slab of meat
- A hole for cooking damper
- A campfire
- A hollow log
- An enamel mug





BASIC BUSHCRAFT IN THE 1900s

Always carry a pocketknife—you never know when it'll come in handy.

Stuff a canvas bag with leaves, grass or other foliage to make a mattress. Be sure to check the foliage for prickles, snakes and scorpions.

Fray the ends of a piece of bark or a twig to make a toothbrush.

Wrap stale bread in a wet cloth and steam in a billycan to make it edible.

Based on bushcraft books for boys and girls written in the early to mid-twentieth century.

Cook damper in a camp oven buried in the ground.

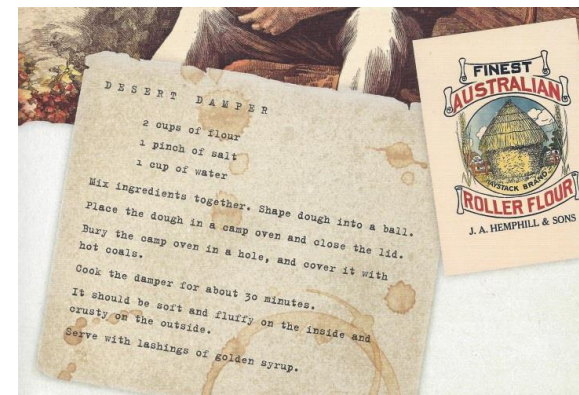
Filter slimy or brackish water through a handkerchief (preferably clean) before boiling it to make tea.

Wash maggots off fly-blown meat before cooking and eating it.

At sunrise and sunset, follow flocks of small birds, such as finches or budgerigars, to find the nearest waterhole.

HISTORICAL STORYTELLING

- Read this information from *Will the Wonderkid: Treasure Hunter of the Australian Outback* about basic bushcraft in the early 1900s.
- Write a story about camping out with your friends in the bush in the olden days:
 - Where are you camping?
 - How do you survive?
 - What do you eat?
 - What adventures do you have?
- Give your story a catchy title!



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