

## Year 9 - Research Investigation

Key Inquiry Question
To what extent was Pemulwuy successful in resisting the colonisation of Europeans during 1792 to 1802?
Sub questions (3 questions)
How might the Europeans have perceived Pemulwuy? What might have motivated Aboriginal Australians to assist Pemulwuy in resisting the colonisation of Europeans? Why might Pemulwuy have been referred to as a “strong and independent character” by Governor King?

## Source 1

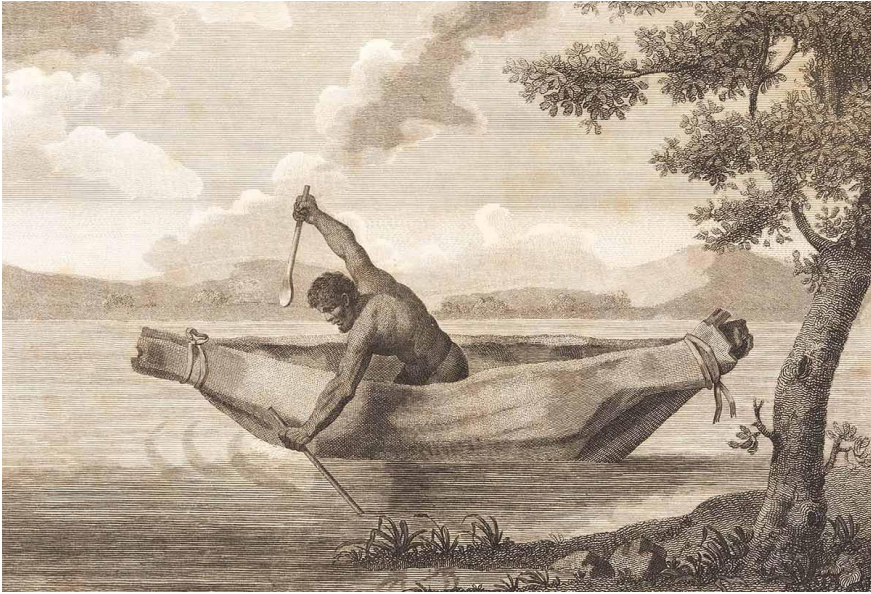
Source Investigation	
Sub question/s:	How might the Europeans have perceived Pemulwuy? Why might Pemulwuy have been referred to as a “strong and independent character” by Governor King?
Source:	<p><b>Context statement</b> Governor King became increasingly frustrated by Pemulwuy. He offered rewards, including a free pardon, to any convict who would bring him his head. Pemulwuy was shot dead on or just prior to 2 June 1802 and his head cut off and sent to Sir Joseph Banks for his collection.</p> <p><b>Source</b> Governor King to Lord Hobart, Secretary of State for the Colonies, 30 October 1802 provided this statement:</p> <p>Decided measures therefore became necessary to prevent the out-settlers from being robbed and plundered, and to restore the natives to a friendly intercourse. With these views (founded on the opinions of the principal officers coinciding with mine), I gave orders for every person doing their utmost to bring Pemulwuy either dead or alive ...</p>
Reference:	Government and General Order, Phillip Gidley King, 1801, <i>Historical Records of New South Wales</i> , 4, Hunter and King, p. 626.
Analysis	
Is the source primary or secondary? Describe how you know this.	This source is a primary source as it is a communication written by Governor King to Lord Hobart at the time under investigation.
Who created the source?	Governor King
What is the purpose of this creator? (Describe the creator’s role in society or their purpose)	Governor King was a European settler, arriving on the First Fleet in January 1788. He was the governor of New South Wales.

What is the purpose of the source?	The source is a letter to Lord Hobart about the issues he is having with Pemulwuy.
<u>Explicit meaning</u> Describe the source <i>(i.e. What do you see, what is it saying?)</i>	The source provides a description of the impact that Pemulwuy is having on the settled colonies. The Governor describes how the angst felt by the settlers due to the actions of Pemulwuy. He is attempting to prevent the settlers from “being robbed and plundered” by the Aboriginal Australians, specifically Pemulwuy. In order to bring a harmonious environment back to Australia he is requesting that Pemulwuy be brought to justice “dead or alive”.
<u>Implicit meaning</u> What can be inferred from the source? <i>(i.e. hidden meaning)</i>	Pemulwuy had resisted arrest by the European settlers for 10 years.  It is evident that he is blaming the strained relationship between the European settlers and the Aboriginal Australians on the actions of Pemulwuy and believes that bringing Pemulwuy to justice will ensure “friendly intercourse” is once again restored.  His frustration with the inability to capture Pemulwuy is evident when he desperately pleads with all citizens that they need to do “their utmost to bring Pemulwuy in either dead or alive”. Offers of a reward and pardon for criminals are also offered for the capture of Pemulwuy.
<b>Evaluation</b>	
<u>Reliability</u> How trustworthy is the source?	Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a primary source, providing a first hand account of the feelings of the European settlers and the newly established government.</li> <li>- government/official document</li> </ul> Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From the perspective of the European settlers.</li> </ul>
<u>Usefulness</u> How does this source assist you in	This source provides useful information on the lengths the new Australian Government would go to combat the resistance of Pemulwuy. It is assumed that the Australian Government were a

answering the sub question?	<p>representative of the European settlers and therefore the source indicates how the greater Australian citizenry felt about the resistance of Pemulwuy.</p> <p>The source also provides an insight into the frustration felt by the NSW Governor after evading capture for 10 years. It can be implied that the Governor King may have been in awe of his ability to evade the European forces for so long, therefore an interpretation can be made that he saw him as strong, resourceful and independent.</p>
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## Source 2

Source Investigation	
Sub question:	How might the Europeans have perceived Pemulwuy? Why might Pemulwuy have been referred to as a “strong and independent character” by Governor King?
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Reference:	
Analysis	
Is the source primary or secondary? Describe how you know this.	
Who created the source?	

<p>What is the purpose of this creator?  <i>(Describe the creator's role in society or their purpose)</i></p> <p>What is the purpose of the source?</p>	
<p><u>Explicit meaning</u>  Describe the source  <i>(i.e. What do you see, what is it saying?)</i></p>	
<p><u>Implicit meaning</u>  What can be inferred from the source?  <i>(i.e. hidden meaning)</i></p>	
<b>Evaluation</b>	
<p><u>Reliability</u>  How trustworthy is the source?</p>	
<p><u>Usefulness</u>  How does this source assist you in answering the sub question?</p>	