

High Level Response- Year 9 - Research Investigation

Key Inquiry Question

To what extent did the Native Police Force influence the myth of peaceful colonisation of an “empty country” by British settlers?


Sub questions (3 questions)

What was the Native Police Force?

What did they do?

What did they get out of their duties?

Source 1

Source Investigation	
Sub question/s:	<p>What was the Native Police Force?</p> <p>What did they do?</p> <p>What did they get out of their duties?</p>
Source:	<p>1.  1848</p>
Reference:	<p>NSW Native Police. (2022). Retrieved 6 June 2022, from https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/nsw-native-police</p>
Analysis	
Is the source primary or secondary? Describe how you know this.	<p>Primary - This source was created during the time that the events were taking place.</p>
<p>Who made the source?</p> <p>What is the purpose of this creator? (Describe the creator's role in society or their purpose)</p> <p>What is the purpose of the source?</p>	<p>ST Gill,</p> <p>The purpose of ST Gill was to help set up a NSW police force consisting of Aboriginal troopers under the command of a British leader.</p> <p>The purpose of the source is not only to record events that took place but also to show what the Native Police Force's job entailed, what they did and also shows what they gained from being</p>

	enrolled in the force.
<u>Explicit meaning</u> Describe the source <i>(i.e. What do you see, what is it saying?)</i>	The horses, clothes and guns show what material gains they received from being in the force. In the source, you can also see the force tracking what would be hypothesized to be other Indigenous people.
<u>Implicit meaning</u> What can be inferred from the source? <i>(i.e. hidden meaning)</i>	People who are part of the Native Police force are employed by the British settlers. They have betrayed their people (the Aborigines) in exchange for better clothes and food. As you can see in the source the people who are part of the native police force have been given better clothes, shoes, horses and weapons.
Evaluation	
<u>Reliability</u> How trustworthy is the source?	This source is reliable as it is a primary source that was created during the events that are taking place so you know it's reliable as it's been drawn close to the time when the riders passed by. The limitations of the source are that you can't see who the ANPF's opposition or enemy was so you can't prove that it was the Indigenous people that they were fighting with or Europeans.
<u>Usefulness</u> How does this source assist you in answering the sub-question?	This source is useful as it helps answer all three of my questions. It tells me who made up the Native Police Force as all officers are Indigenous. It tells me what they did, they rode around Australia tracking and hunting something. It shows me what they gained from being in the force by their appearances and assets/equipment. Which also backs up Sources 3 and 5.


Source 2

Source Investigation	
Sub question/s:	<p>What was the Native Police Force?</p> <p>What did they do?</p>
Source:	<p>“The introduction of a Police presence helped provide law & order to areas which were already struggling with crime issues. From established base camps they'd patrol vast areas to investigate law breaches, including alleged murders. Often armed with rifles, carbines and swords, they sometimes also escorted surveying groups, pastoralists and prospectors through countries considered to be dangerous.</p> <p>The Aboriginal men within the Native Police were routinely recruited from areas that were very distant from the locations in which they were deployed. As the troopers were Aboriginal, this benefited the colonists by minimizing both the wages of the police and the potential for Aboriginal revenge attacks against white people.”</p>
Reference:	<p>Australian native police - Wikipedia. (2022). Retrieved 9 June 2022, from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_native_police</p>
Analysis	
Is the source primary or secondary? Describe how you know this.	<p>Secondary - because this source was created way after the event took place.</p>
<p>Who created the source?</p> <p>What is the purpose of this creator? (Describe the creator's role in society or their purpose)</p> <p>What is the purpose of the source?</p>	<p>The source is Wikipedia. Anyone can alter or change it meaning that there wouldn't be one set creator there would be many.</p> <p>The purpose of the source is to inform what the Australian Native Police Force was and what its purpose was.</p>

<u>Explicit meaning</u> Describe the source <i>(i.e. What do you see, what is it saying?)</i>	The source says what the ANPF was, what they did, their role in the British settler's economy as well as their jobs. You could use this source to find other sources such as the image from source three it also lists information as well as other source information.
<u>Implicit meaning</u> What can be inferred from the source? <i>(i.e. hidden meaning)</i>	What isn't stated in the source is probably the emotions felt by the ANPF. We don't know why they joined the ANPF but to get to the point of agreeing to kill your own people who were once your family they must have been pretty desperate. As shown in the text 'benefited the colonists'.
Evaluation	
<u>Reliability</u> How trustworthy is the source?	The source is semi-reliable; it has a lot of references, factual information and primary sources on the website but there is always the factor that anyone can edit it and change the information or add incorrect information.
<u>Usefulness</u> How does this source assist you in answering the sub question?	This source is useful as it does give me a very good description and information on many parts of the ANPF. This corroborates with Source 3.

Source 3

Source Investigation	
Sub question/s:	What did they get out of their duties?

Source:	 <p>1864</p>
Reference:	<p>Australian native police - Wikipedia. (2022). Retrieved 9 June 2022, from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_native_police#/media/File:Queensland_Native_Police_1864.jpg</p>
Analysis	
Is the source primary or secondary? Describe how you know this.	<p>Primary - this source was created in 1864 whilst these events were taking place. The source lists that as the year it was made.</p>
Who created the source?	<p>The author is unknown but the image is in the Queensland Police Museum.</p>
What is the purpose of this creator? (Describe the creator's role in society or their purpose)	<p>It illustrates a group /squad of ANPF men and their appearances - what they wore as well as their equipment.</p>
What is the purpose of the source?	
<u>Explicit meaning</u> Describe the source (i.e. What do you see, what is it saying?)	<p>In the image you can see the ANPF all wearing fancy uniforms and holding guns and weaponry with hats and shoes. This shows what they received from being a part of the ANPF.</p>
<u>Implicit meaning</u> What can be inferred from the source? (i.e. hidden meaning)	<p>The hidden meaning could be if you study the image further all the men in the Force look healthy, well-fed, clean and clothed.</p>

Evaluation	
<u>Reliability</u> How trustworthy is the source?	The source is very reliable as it is a primary source from the Queensland Police Museum. A museum would have completed various studies to check the accuracy of the source before publication. The artist, however, is unknown, so therefore it is unclear who's perspective it is from.
<u>Usefulness</u> How does this source assist you in answering the sub question?	The source assists me as it answers my question of 'What did they get out of their duties?' It shows that they are wearing clothes, it shows that they received clothes and they look healthy as well and seem to be happy. Which implies that they are happy with their jobs and who they work for (British Settlers). This source has helped justify sources 1 and 5.


Source 4

Source Investigation	
Sub question/s:	What was the Native Police Force?
Source:	National Museum of Australia - The solution, it seemed, was to recruit a body of Aboriginal police, who would better understand and be able to deal with Aboriginal opposition. The proposed Native Police Force would remain under European command.
Reference:	National Museum of Australia. (2022). Retrieved 9 June 2022, from https://www.nma.gov.au/search?from=0&query=Australian%20Native%20Police%20Force
Analysis	
Is the source primary or secondary? Describe how you know this.	Secondary as it was written after the event of the Native Police took place
Who created the source? What is the purpose of this creator? (Describe the creator's role in society or their	Unknown but the person was probably one of the Museum of Australia's historians.

<i>purpose)</i> What is the purpose of the source?	The purpose of the source is to describe what the ANPF was and its purpose.
<u>Explicit meaning</u> Describe the source (i.e. What do you see, what is it saying?)	The source explains the European settlers 'solution' to their war with the natives - Frontier Wars.
<u>Implicit meaning</u> What can be inferred from the source? (i.e. hidden meaning)	"The solution, it seemed, was to recruit a body of Aboriginal police" shows that this WAS the chosen 'solution' of the Europeans but also in the words "was to recruit a body of Aboriginal police" show who or what made up the ANPF.
Evaluation	
<u>Reliability</u> How trustworthy is the source?	This source is semi-trustworthy as it is from a Museum of Australia. A lot of historians and people would've gone over the work and cross-checked their findings before publishing this information. The weakness in the source is that is anonymous. The only thing they know is it was a European as none of the Indigenous people of that time knew how to read or write and they recorded their history and side of the story in Dreamtime, stories, and art. This means that we only have the European perspective.
<u>Usefulness</u> How does this source assist you in answering the sub question?	This source is useful as it does answer my question of what the Native Police were. The source also backs up the majority of the sources and is backed up by most of the sources either in their imagery or writing.


Source 5

Source Investigation	
Sub question/s:	What did they do? What did they get out of their duties?

Source:	 1895
Reference:	NSW Native Police. (2022). Retrieved 15 June 2022, from https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/nsw-native-police
Analysis	
Is the source primary or secondary? Describe how you know this.	Primary as it was created during the time that the ANPF was active.
Who created the source?	Unknown
What is the purpose of this creator? (Describe the creator's role in society or their purpose)	It could be assumed that the source is used to showcase the ANPF also so they could send 'proof' that they were getting along with the natives to their commanders.
What is the purpose of the source?	The purpose of the source is to show what the ANPF received for their duties - what gear or money they were paid.
<u>Explicit meaning</u> Describe the source (i.e. What do you see, what is it saying?)	In the source, you see seven Aboriginal people dressed in British style and each in control of a horse. They have guns and ammunition over their shoulder.
<u>Implicit meaning</u> What can be inferred from the source? (i.e. hidden meaning)	Due to the Force being equipped like the British it is thought that their gear was given to them either to make sure that their commanders knew they were on 'the good side.' This may have demonstrated how the ANPF were reimbursed.
Evaluation	
<u>Reliability</u>	The source is very reliable as it was a primary source, slightly unreliable as it is unknown if the

How trustworthy is the source?	Aboriginals were in the Force due to their own free will.
<u>Usefulness</u> How does this source assist you in answering the sub question?	The source is useful as it gives us a clear idea of what the Native Police Force looked like and what they got in exchange.

Source 6

Source Investigation	
Sub question/s:	What did they do? What did they get out of their duties?
Source:	 1848
Reference:	NSW Native Police. (2022). Retrieved 15 June 2022, from https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/nsw-native-police
Analysis	
Is the source primary or secondary? Describe how you know this.	Primary as it was created during the time the events were taking place.
Who created the source?	Cyrus Mason.

<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>The purpose is to showcase a Native Police Encampment.</p> <p>To provide evidence to their commanders the image was addressed to England 35th Swanton St that they were settling 'peacefully' in Australia and that all was going well in the new country.</p>
<p><u>Explicit meaning</u> Describe the source <i>(i.e. What do you see, what is it saying?)</i></p>	<p>I believe that the source is an illustration of what the ANPF camp looked like. This is because you see Indigenous workers in European outfits building a camp and the non-ANPF wouldn't have access to equipment of that quality.</p>
<p><u>Implicit meaning</u> What can be inferred from the source? <i>(i.e. hidden meaning)</i></p>	<p>I also believe that it was a letter either from Cyrus Mason to his commander who lives in England on the 35th Swanton St or Cyrus Mason is the commander it was being sent to. Which can be read in the little writing in the bottom middle part of the picture. In the source you see ANPF workers setting up, taking down, or staying at a camping site. It could be hypothesised that the ANPF are hunting down other Indigenous people as studies have shown that that is what their main job was. This backs up and relates to source 1 showing members of the ANPF with horses and guns in what seems to be an after-battle scene.</p>
<p>Evaluation</p>	
<p><u>Reliability</u> How trustworthy is the source?</p>	<p>This source is semi-trustworthy as it is a primary source but it was created by a British settler who would've been wanting his commander to believe all is going well. One of them looks to be tracking something, maybe another Aboriginal?</p>
<p><u>Usefulness</u> How does this source assist you in answering the sub question?</p>	<p>It is a useful source as we see how the ANPF camped and what they did when at camp.</p>