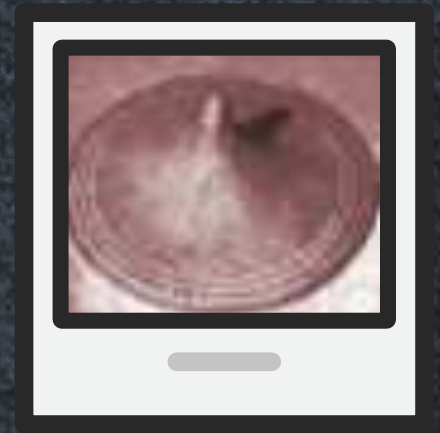




WHAT
ARTEFACT
AM I?



Images of artefacts from colonial times



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At the auction there were hundreds of artefacts for sale. Here are a few more interesting examples to help you gather historical information about Australian colonial life; or are they? Historians question their sources to ensure they are accurate. Which artefact is the impostor? How can you find out?



1. Old school calculator
2. Ladies formal dress
3. Meat safe to keep flies away
4. Handheld shower
5. Bellows to stoke a fire
6. An early radio
7. Lady's sun parasol

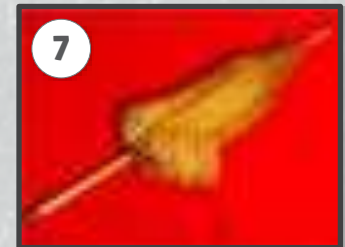


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A Branding Irons; used by farmers to brand their cattle to deter (stop) cattle thieves.

B A house iron; usually used by a woman to iron best clothes. Made of cast iron and heated on a fire.

C A boot scraper; found near entrances to buildings to scrape mud (and other stuff!) off boots.

D A single furrow plough. Used by farmers to prepare the soil for planting crop seeds eg wheat.

E Gold miner's scales and weights. Each miner would carry these scales to weigh their gold and use for bartering (selling).

F A whale harpoon. Used by whalers off the colonies' coast. Whale meat was a valuable source of income.

G A horse drawn hearse; used to carry the dead to the cemetery.

H A horse drawn fire engine; notice the reel for the water hose.

I A clothes wringer; washed clothes pulled through to wring out the water.

J A water pump; made of cast iron. It would have been placed in the ground with a pipe dug down to the water level.

K A fortified cell door from a Police cell.

L A convict's ball and chain; used to allow some freedom on the prison ships, but not to go swimming!