

**Grade 5 HASS**  
**Australian History**

**Pioneer Women**  
**Georgiana**  
**McCrae**

**5 fun activities!**

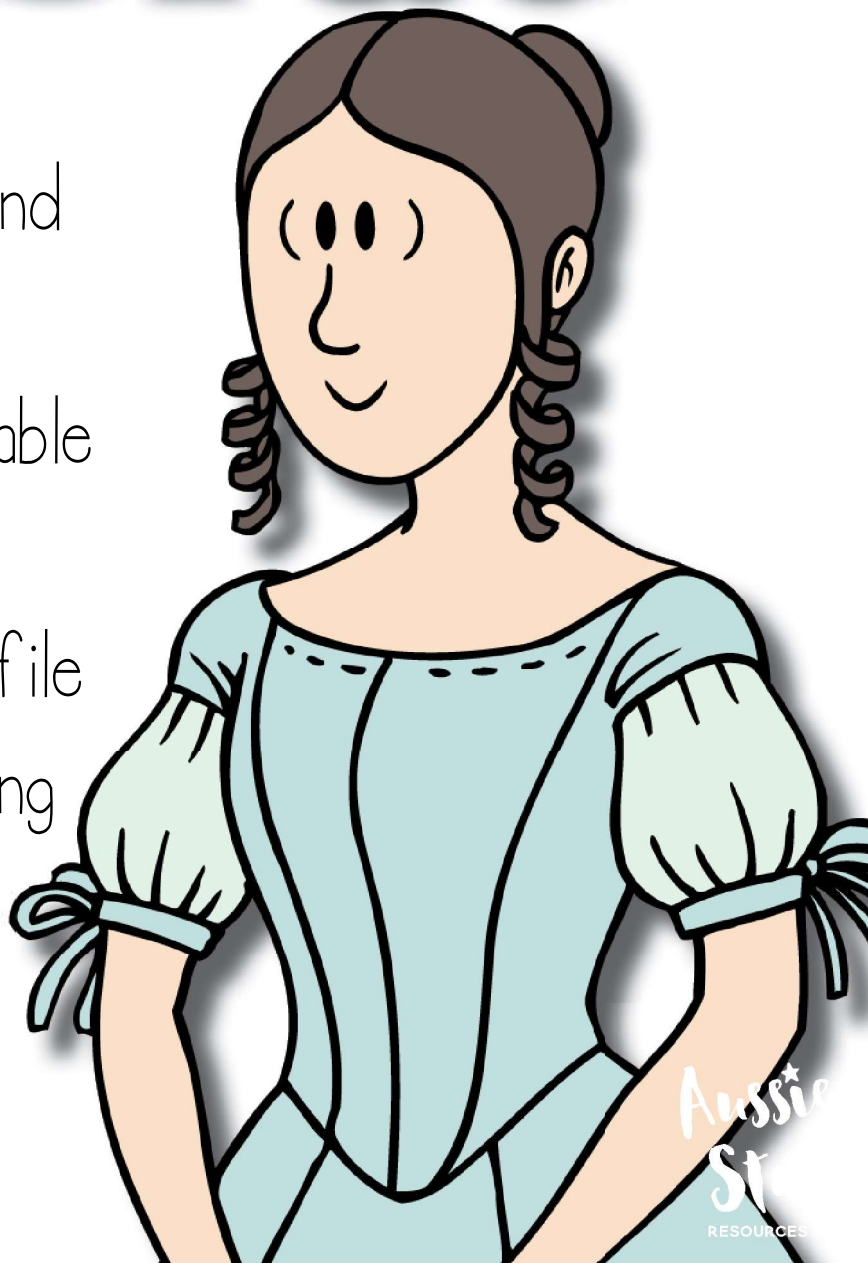
Comprehension text and  
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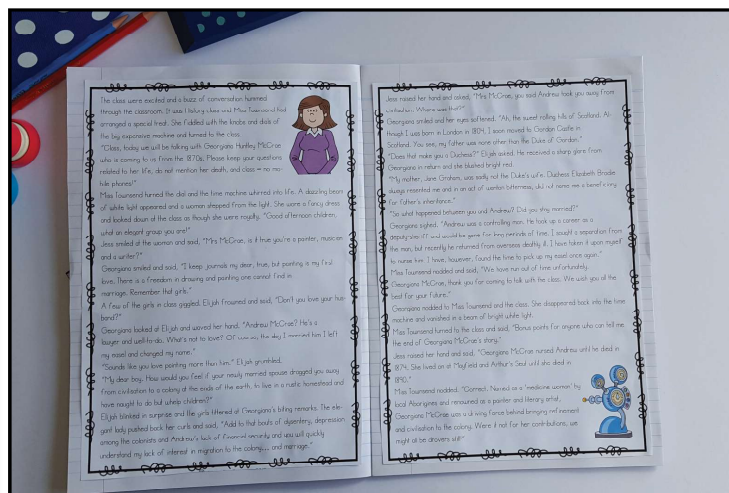
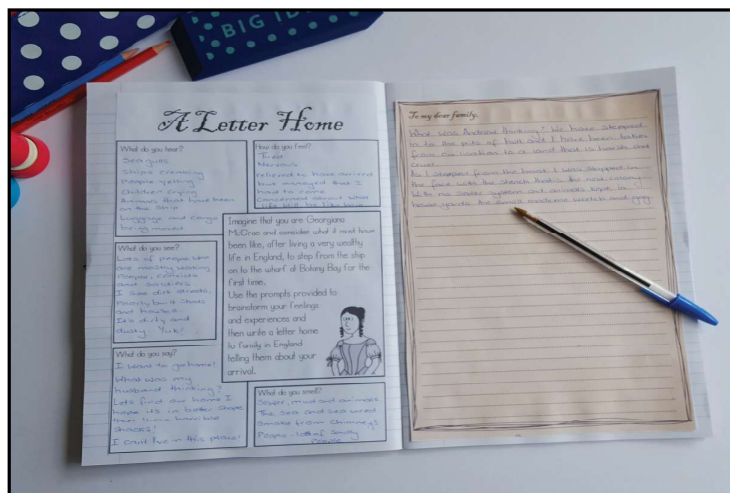
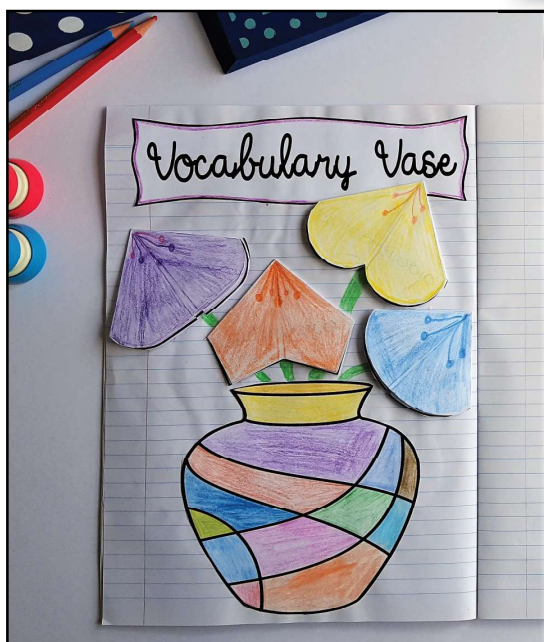
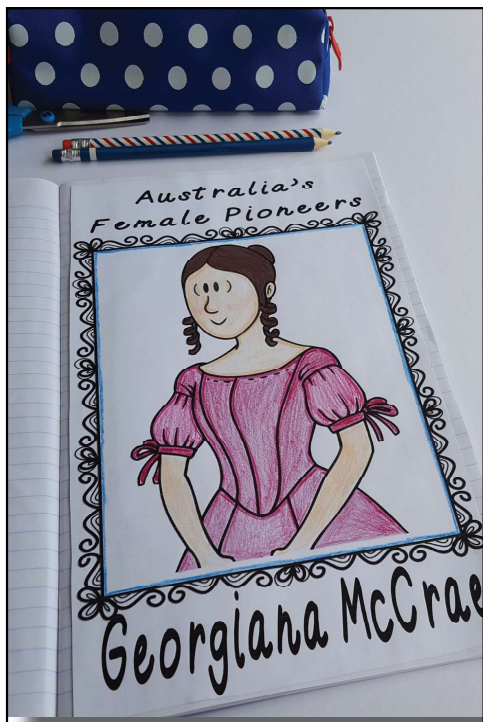
Character analysis foldable

Vocabulary Vase

Australian Pioneer Profile

A Letter Home Writing  
Activity



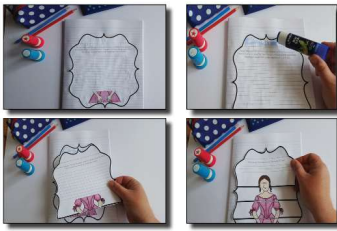




## Assembly Instructions

### Comprehension Flip Book

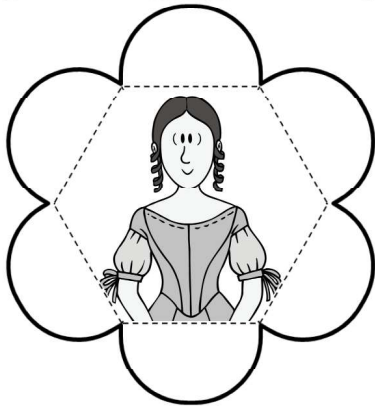
Please note that we have used the photographs of our Mary MacKillop Flip Book to show how to assemble the flip book. The process is the same.



### Adjective Foldable



## Georgiana McCrae



On each petal of the flower write an adjective to describe Georgiana McCrae. Choose adjectives that are very different from each other.

The class were excited and a buzz of conversation hummed through the classroom. It was History class and Miss Townsend had arranged a special treat. She fiddled with the knobs and dials of the lay newspaper machine and handed it to the class.

"Class, today we will be talking with Georgiana Huntley McCrae who is coming to us from the 1870s. Please keep your questions related to her life, do not mention her death, and class – no mobile phones!"

Miss Townsend turned the dial and the time machine whirled into life. A dazzling beam of white light appeared and a woman stepped from the light. She wore a fancy dress and looked down at the class as though she were royalty. "Good afternoon children, what an elegant group you are!"

Jess smiled at the woman and said, "Mrs McCrae, is it true you're a painter, musician and a writer?"

Georgiana smiled and said, "I keep journals my dear, true, but painting is my first love. There is a freedom in drawing and painting one cannot find in marriage. Remember that girls."

A few of the girls in class giggled. Elijah frowned and said, "Don't you love your husband?"

Georgiana looked at Elijah and waved her hand. "Andrew McCrae? He's a lawyer and well-to-do. What's not to love? Of course, the day I married him I left my soul and changed my name."

"Sounds like you love painting more than him," Elijah grumbled.

"My dear boy, how would you feel if your newly married spouse dragged you away



Cut carefully around each frame. Glue the largest frame into your book entirely and then layer the other pieces from largest to smallest.

Discuss Georgiana McCrae's story with a friend. List three things you have learned about early colonial life from Georgiana McCrae and her experience. Record your answers and provide explanations for each one.



Jess raised her hand and asked, "Mrs McCrae, you said Andrew took you away from civilization. Where was that?"

Georgiana smiled and her eyes softened. "Ah, the sweet rolling hills of Scotland. Although I was born in London in 1804, I soon moved to Gordon Castle in Scotland. You see, my father was none other than the Duke of Gordon."

"Does that make you a Duchess?" Elijah asked. He received a sharp glare from Georgiana in return and she blushed bright red.

"My mother, Jane Graham, was sadly not the Duke's wife. Duchess Elizabeth Brodie always resented me and in an act of unkind bitterness, did not name me a beneficiary for father's inheritance."

"So what happened between you and Andrew? Did you stay married?"

Georgiana sighed. "Andrew was a controlling man. He took up a career as a deputy sheriff and would be gone for long periods of time. I sought a separation from the man, but recently he returned from overseas deathly ill. I have taken it upon myself to nurse him. I have, however, found the time to pick up my soul once again."

"Miss Townsend nodded and said, "We have run out of time unfortunately. Georgiana McCrae, thank you for coming to talk with the class. We wish you all the best for your future."

Georgiana nodded to Miss Townsend and the class. She disappeared back into the time machine and vanished in a beam of bright white light.

"Miss Townsend turned to the class and said, "Bonus points for anyone who can tell me the end of Georgiana McCrae's story."

Jess raised her hand and said, "Georgiana McCrae nursed Andrew until he died in 1874. She lived on at Mayfield and Arthur's Seat until she died in

## Georgiana McCrae

How does Georgiana McCrae feel about coming to Australia and her life here? Give examples from the story to explain your answer.

### whelp

The dictionary definition is

Because the text says

I think it means

### beneficiary

definition is

I think it means

## Vocabulary Vase



## A Letter Home

What do you hear?

How do you feel?

What do you see?

What do you say?

What do you smell?

Imagine that you are Georgiana McCrae and consider what it must have been like, after living a very wealthy life in England, to step from the ship on to the wharf at Botany Bay for the first time. Use the prompts provided to brainstorm your feelings and experiences and then write a letter home to family in England telling them about your arrival.



To my dear family,

## Australian Pioneer Profile Georgiana McCrae

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

What interests and hobbies did Georgiana McCrae have?

When and how did Georgiana McCrae come to Australia?



Two questions I have about Georgiana McCrae.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Two facts I've learned about Georgiana McCrae.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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