

Grade 5 HASS
Australian History

Pioneer Women

Mary MacKillop

5 fun activities!

Comprehension text and
question flip book

Character analysis foldable

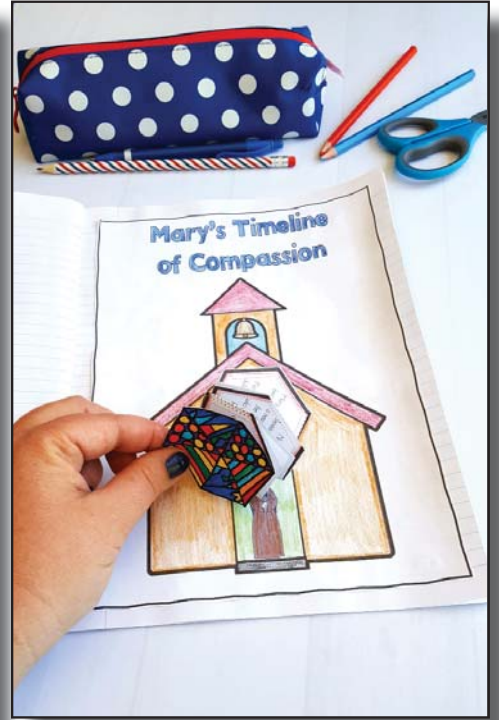
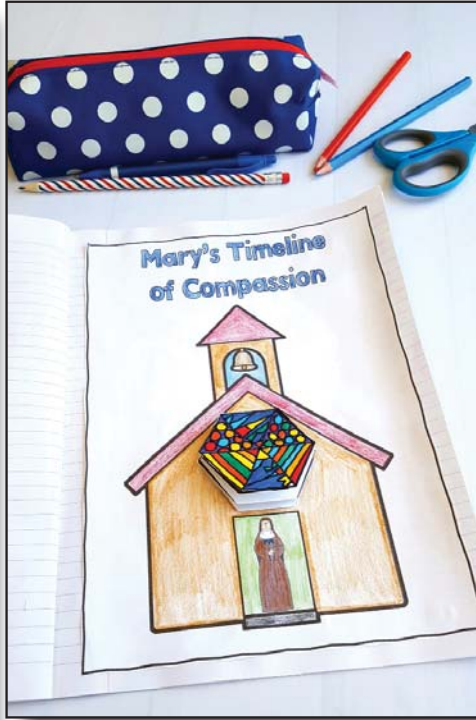
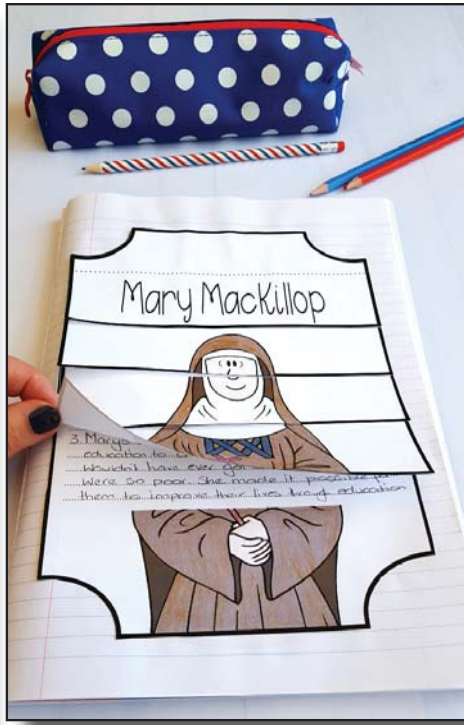
Vocabulary Vessel

Australian Pioneer Profile

Summary Template

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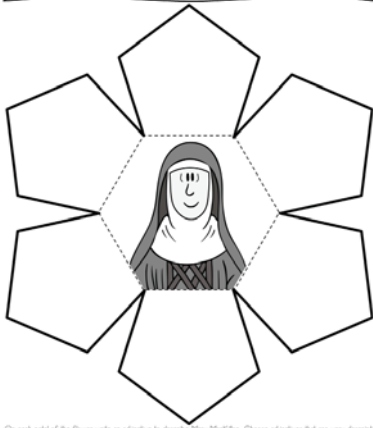




Australia's Female Pioneers



Mary's Character



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 big expensive machine and turned to the class.

"Class, today we will be talking with Mother Mary MacKillop who is coming to us from the late 1800s. 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 an elderly woman stepped from the light. She looked at the class with warm, blue eyes and said, "Good afternoon class. How may I help you?"

Brooke's hand shot up. "When were you born?"

Mother Mary smiled and said, "I was the year 1842 in Fitzroy, Victoria when my mother brought me into the world. I was the first of eight children, and was born Mary Helen MacKillop to Alexander and Flora MacKillop."

Jagdon spoke without raising his hand and earned a sharp frown from Mother Mary. "Why do you wear such weird clothes?"

"Your manners are lacking young child! But I will answer anyway."

Jagdon went bright red as Mother Mary explained, "These are the robes of my order, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. I am the Mother Superior General of the Josephite order, and I have dedicated my life to honouring God by helping those in greatest need."

"Please m'm, who are those in greatest need?" asked Ella politely.



mothers. Beggars."

"Do you have to be a social worker to do that?" Ebony asked.

Mother Mary frowned and said, "All of my work is for the betterment of society. If you mean, why am I a fitting candidate to perform God's work, I have faith, compassion and belief in helping those in greatest need. My way has been guided by the most honourable of priests, Father Julian Tannison-Woods, and the most Holy Pope Pius IX granted papal approval of our order."

Jagdon put up his hand this time, and when called on he asked, "Does that mean you work in Rome where the Pope lives?"

Mother Mary smiled and said, "The Sisterhood is spread far and wide however our greatest achievements are here in Australia. I worked from Parramatta in South Australia for much of my youth, and most of our schools and orphanages can be found in Victoria. I have only recently relocated to Sydney. Poverty is rife everywhere in the world, but it is our own colony that benefits the most from the intervention of the Sisters of St Joseph. We have established over forty schools and many, many missions and orphanages."

Miss Townsend stepped forward and said, "We have run out of time unfortunately. Mother Mary, thank you for coming to talk with the class. We wish you all the best."

Mother Mary touched her heart then her lips and blessed 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 Mother Mary's story."

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

Discuss Mary MacKillop's achievements with a friend. List three ways Mary's work with the poor, especially children, made a difference to the lives of the early settlers. Record your answers and provide explanations for each one.



Mary MacKillop

In the story Mary MacKillop lists three locations where the Sisters of St Joseph do their work. Where do they work and what kind of work do they do?



Where was Mary MacKillop born? Who were her parents and how many children did they have?



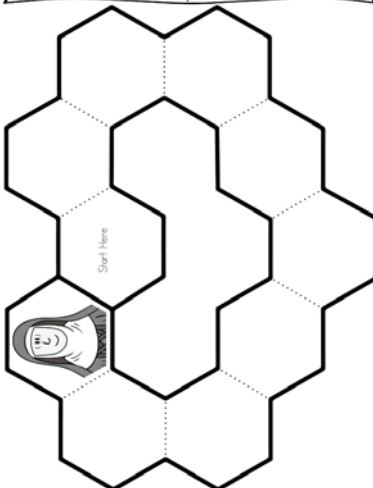
Vocabulary Vessel

Dedicated
The dictionary definition is

Poverty
The dictionary definition is

Vulnerable
The dictionary definition is

Mary's Timeline of Compassion



Mary's Timeline of Compassion



Australian Pioneer Profile Mary MacKillop

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

How did Mary MacKillop impact colonial Australia?

Who did Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph believe needed their help most?



Two questions I would ask Mary MacKillop.

1. _____
2. _____

Two facts I've learned about Mary MacKillop.

1. _____
2. _____

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