**1768** [1768-1779] Capt. James Cook, on behalf of the British Admiralty, makes three voyages. The first, the "Endeavor," sights southeastern Australia on April 20,

**1770** Cook lands several times, most notably at Botany Bay and Possession Island in the north, where on August 23 he claims the land and names it New South Wales. His later voyages add only a little to Australian exploration, but are both symptom and cause of strengthening British interest in the eastern seas -- however, the voyages lead to settlement. **1787** [May 13] First fleet of British colonists sets sail. **1788** British colonization of New South Wales begins. The British first decided on settling New South Wales in 1786, and colonization began early in 1788. Their motives for this are a matter of controversy. The traditional view is that the British needed to relieve the pressure on their prisons, which had intensified after losing the American colonies. Another view holds that there may have been a separate scheme to establish a stronghold for British trade in the eastern seas. The South Pacific could provide mast timber and flax, needed naval supplies. The government planned to develop an economy in the region through convict labor on government farms and by giving former convicts their own small plots for subsistence farming. The First Fleet from Britain consisted of eleven vessels carrying 730 convicts and more than 250 free persons, most of them marines. After landing first at Botany Bay, they moved northward to Port Jackson which contained Sydney Cove. The city of Sydney grew out of this development.

1. Who was in charge of the “Endeavor”?
2. What happened in 1787?
3. When did colonization begin?
4. What kind of labor did the British government plan?
5. What did the first fleet consist of?
6. What city grew out of Port Jackson

**Journal prompt**- write 50 words in this box…What would be the benefits of having a colony?

**Extension activity**- On a separate piece of paper, draw a timeline with ALL the dates given in the guided reading and what happened on those dates.

**Vocabulary**

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| Symptom | A sign that points out the existence of something else | Settlement | A small remote village |
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| Convict | To prove or find guilty of a crime | Subsistence | Enough to live or get by on |
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**SS6H6** The student will analyze the impact of European exploration and colonization on various world regions.