

# Andrew Fisher

## Secondary School Questionnaire



1 Why was Andrew Fisher famous?

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2 What jobs did he have before being elected to parliament?

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3 Virtually all mining at this time was reef mining. Most men worked for companies, often for low wages and under quite difficult conditions. How could this make Gympie a stronghold for the Labour Party?

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4 After the gold became too expensive to mine, farming supported the district's economy, How could this alter the strength of the political parties in the area?

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5 Make a sketch of the cottage. Include and name the following: tin roof, weatherboards, tongue and groove boards, railings and balustrade, stairs, veranda, stumps and stump caps and sash windows.

### **The Front Room**

6 What was the front room used for?

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7 Why would the people of a city – especially Gympie and Ballarat – give Andrew Fisher and "Illumination" as token of their esteem?

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**The Kitchen**

8 List the main items of furniture in the kitchen.

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9 How did the Fisher's cook?

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10 Where would they have kept the foods that we would refrigerate e.g. butter and meat?

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11 Where would they get their water from?

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12 What is the purpose of the stone water filter?

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13 Where would the family have a hot bath? Why here? What in?

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**THE MAIN BEDROOM**

14 What type of bed did the Fisher's sleep in?

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15 On the bed is a tester and patchwork quilt. What are they for and describe them?

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16 What were the washstand, jug and basin used for?

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17 How was the bedroom lit at night?

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18 What main features of a modern house are absent in Andrew Fisher Cottage?

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19 Make pencil sketches of the following:

|             |               |              |            |                  |
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| Pine hutch  | Kitchen safe  | Water filter | Wood stove | Butter churn     |
| Soup tureen | Kerosene lamp | Brass bed    | Wash-stand | Chest of drawers |