

James Nash Questionnaire



Please answer the following questions:

1. How do you know that the photograph of James Nash belongs to an earlier period in Australian history?

2. What evidence is there that James Nash was a reasonably experienced prospector?

3. Explain the events that led up to his presence in the Gympie area?

4. Where did James Nash initially find gold? How much and what did he trade it for?

5. How many ounces did James Nash get the second time? Where and how much did he sell it for?

6. What were the three (3) main forms of transport used by James Nash in his prospecting venture? Which did he use the most and why?

7. Why do you think the Government officials were needed to oversee the new goldmining venture?

8. What does 'pegging out a claim' mean? Why should this have been necessary?

9. How much did James Nash and his brother earn from their claims? How else did James Nash earn a considerable sum of money?

10. What effect did the publicising of James Nash's find have on Maryborough's population?

11. In this respect why do you think the term 'gold fever' was used? Is it an accurate term? Why or why not?

12. Would a miner have an advantage if he understood the basics of geology? Why or why not?

13. What is 'auriferous stone'?

14. Name seven (7) groups of rocks found on the Gympie Goldfield.

15. Explain if gold was found in all rocks everywhere or only in distinct patterns.
