

## Week 7 Reading Tuesday: Children on the Goldfields

1) If children were not in school, what were they doing?

2) What gold panning equipment did children generally get to use?

3) Where did the idea of the golden cradle come from?

4) What are 3 reasons why parents couldn't teach their children?

5) When did it become compulsory for children on the goldfields to attend school? Did all families send their children to school then?

6) What were conditions like inside the schoolhouses? (hot/cold?)

7) How did children travel to school in the late 1800's to early 1900's?

Week 7 Reading Thursday: Kids News **“Growing up on the goldfields was hard work, but an amazing adventure”**

1) What was life living on the goldfields like?

2) Did children help with the mining?

3) What jobs/chores did the children have?

4) Did the children attend school? Explain.

5) What games/activities did the children do in their spare time?

6) What kinds of 'entertainment' could the children enjoy on the goldfields?

7) What important skills would the 1850's children need to have on the goldfields?

8) Would you enjoy living on the goldfields, at your age? Explain why/why not.