

Grade 5 HASS
Australian History

Australian Explorers

Ludwig Leichhardt

**Expedition Mapping
Activity**



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Mapping Ludwig Leichhardt's Expedition

Track Ludwig Leichhardt's expeditions on the map.

Connect the white numbers using a blue pencil or pen. This is Ludwig Leichhardt's first major expedition from Moreton Bay (Brisbane) to Port Essington on the Coburg Peninsula.

Connect the black numbers using a red pencil or pen. This is the path of Ludwig Leichhardt's final expedition which led to their disappearance. Many expeditions followed to try and find the lost party but nearly 170 years later no trace has ever been found.

Mark the following symbols in the grid locations and label them on the map.



Find 14, 2 and draw a tree.

Darling Downs: This is where Leichhardt left for his expedition to the Northern Territory with 7 men, an enormous load of supplies and a limited number of horses.



Find 13, 4 and draw these symbols to mark a mountain range.

Expedition Range: Leichhardt lead his party across the ridges of these ranges to try and avoid the scrub. Eventually, they had to move down the mountains and follow the creek lines to continue on.



Find 9, 2 and draw little circles or rocks

Sturt Stony Desert: This barren landscape in the top corner of South Australia is one of the areas scoured for the remains of Ludwig Leichhardt and his expedition party. Due to the harsh dry conditions of Australia's interior some people assumed that Leichhardt and his party died from thirst and exposure.



Find 10, 7 and draw a series of wavy lines

Mitchell River: Leichhardt named this river, on his 1844 expedition, after Sir Thomas Mitchell who was an explorer and also Surveyor General of NSW.



Find 9, 6 and draw a series of wavy lines

Leichhardt River: This river flows from the Selwyn Ranges to the mouth at Burketown on the coast of Qld. It was not named by Leichhardt but was named after him.

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