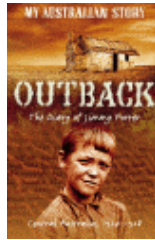


Outback: The Diary Of Jimmy Porter 1927-1928



Draw a time-line of Jimmy Porter's year in the bush, listing ten important things that happened.

What are five interesting things that happened in the world in the year you were born?

Draw a time-line of your own life.

Find five Australian sayings in Jimmy's diary. What do they mean?

Name three things that city and country people can learn from each other.

If you had to live in an isolated farmhouse for a year and you could only take two personal things with you, what would you take, and why?

Suggest five things that might make you feel more at home in a strange environment.

When you are away from your own home, what do you miss?

How does isolation affect the relationships between the children in this book?

What difference has the Royal Flying Doctor Service made to Outback Australians?

Write a page about the Afghans who came to live in Australia.

How do Australian Aborigines feel about the land?

Living in a small, crowded house doesn't leave Jimmy much private time to write in his diary. Why is privacy important to people?

What do these words mean:

johnnycakes

billy

Condy's crystals

whittle

dogger

choofed

padre

buggy

telegraph

slush lamp

gripe

Chinese queue

How do you make damper?

Draw a picture of a pedal radio.

What is in an RFDS medical chest?

Why do people keep diaries?

What is the most interesting thing you discovered in Jimmy Porter's diary?

Keep your own diary for one week, recording what you think might be interesting for someone to read in fifty years.