

# STUDY TASK CARD 1

## Early Governors of New South Wales

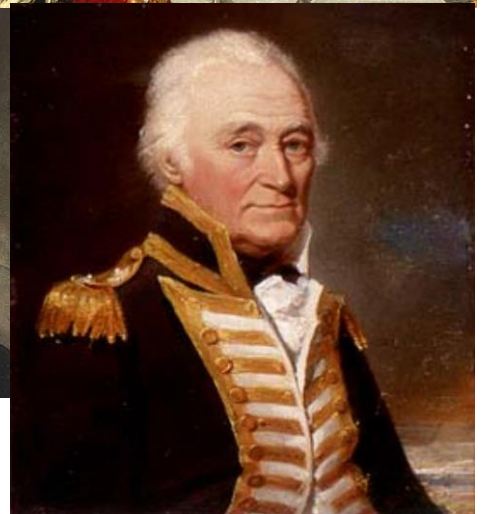
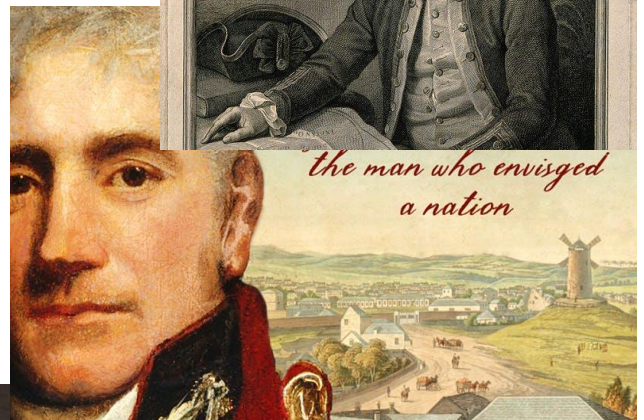
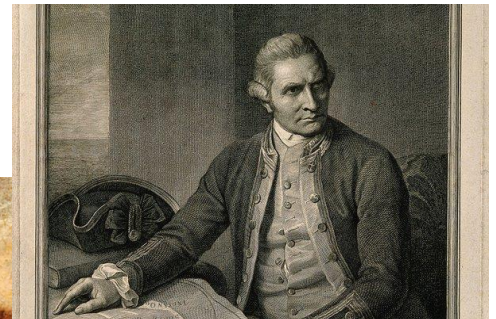


Early colonial life in Australia was harsh and unforgiving. As the First Fleet landed in 1788, the new arrivals were dangerous felons transported on convict ships who had lived a difficult and miserable life up until then. They had nothing to lose and nothing to gain, or so they thought.....

Research the life and times of the first governors that served in New South Wales between 1788 – 1821. List their remarkable achievements and explain how their contributions were the driving force in establishing and maintaining the rule of law for the new penal colony, and for the colonies that developed afterwards.

Explain how their work supported basic human rights for early citizens and how important democratic principles surrounding the rule of law were established, of which many still exist in Australian society today. In your work include examples, such as having *fair legal representation for individuals* and the inclusion of checks and balances in our system of governance, such as the *separation of powers*, to support your understanding.

- Captain Arthur Phillip 1788 – 1792
- Captain John Hunter 1795 - 1800
- Captain Philip Gidley King 1800 – 1806
- Captain William Bligh 1806 – 1808
- Major-General Lachlan Macquarie 1810 - 1821



Useful sites you can use to support your study include:

- ✓ [The Australian Dictionary of Biography](#)
- ✓ [Sydney Living Museums](#)
- ✓ [Encyclopaedia Britannica](#)
- ✓ [Kiddle – Encyclopaedia for Kids](#)

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