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Teacher Notes and Activities

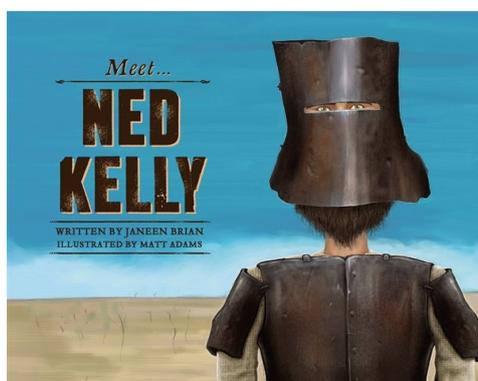
Meet Ned Kelly

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A picture books series about the extraordinary men and women who shaped Australia's history, beginning with our most famous bushranger, Ned Kelly. Ned Kelly was a notorious bushranger. He lived in Australia's earliest days. He was daring and clever and bold. In a suit made of iron he battled police. And his story is still being told. From Ned Kelly to Saint Mary Mackillop; Captain Cook to Douglas Mawson, the Meet... series of picture books tells their stories.



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Themes:

- Life in Early Australia
- Bushrangers
- Law & Order
- Poverty
- Family
- Heroes and villains

Discussion Points & Activities:

Before reading the book:

- What does the cover of Meet Ned Kelly tell you about the book? Who do you think the book is about? Who is the author? Who is the illustrator?
- Does the cover give you more clues about the book? Does the back-cover blurb explain why the figure on the front cover is wearing an iron helmet? Do you know what a bushranger is? List everything you know about bushrangers and the times in which they lived?
- What do you know about Ned Kelly and life in early Australia? Make a list and add to it as you read the book.

After reading the book:

- *Meet Ned Kelly* is set in the 1800's in Australia. List some of the words in the text that give you a clue that this is a book set in the past. Are any of these words still used today? What are the modern equivalents of these words?
- Why do you think we are still talking about Ned Kelly and his gang today? Why is it important for us to study history, and especially Australian history?
- What are the important events in your family's history? Interview your parents and grandparents about your family and then create a timeline of your families history.
- Ned Kelly had seven siblings and four half-siblings. Create a family tree of the people in your family.
- Hold a class debate about written versus oral history and the reliability of both sources.
- On the third spread of the book we see a townscape in rural Victoria. What can we learn from this and other pictures in the book about the way of life in Australia in the 1800's. Look at things like transport and housing.
- Meet Ned Kelly uses images as well as text to tell the story of our most famous bushranger. How does it change if you read the text only? Or look at the illustrations only? How do the text and illustrations work together to tell the story?