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VICTORIA  
What's your story?

# EXPLORING: HAPPINESS

Ethical capability trails at the State Library



Level 5/6  
Student activity book

NAME .....

CLASS .....

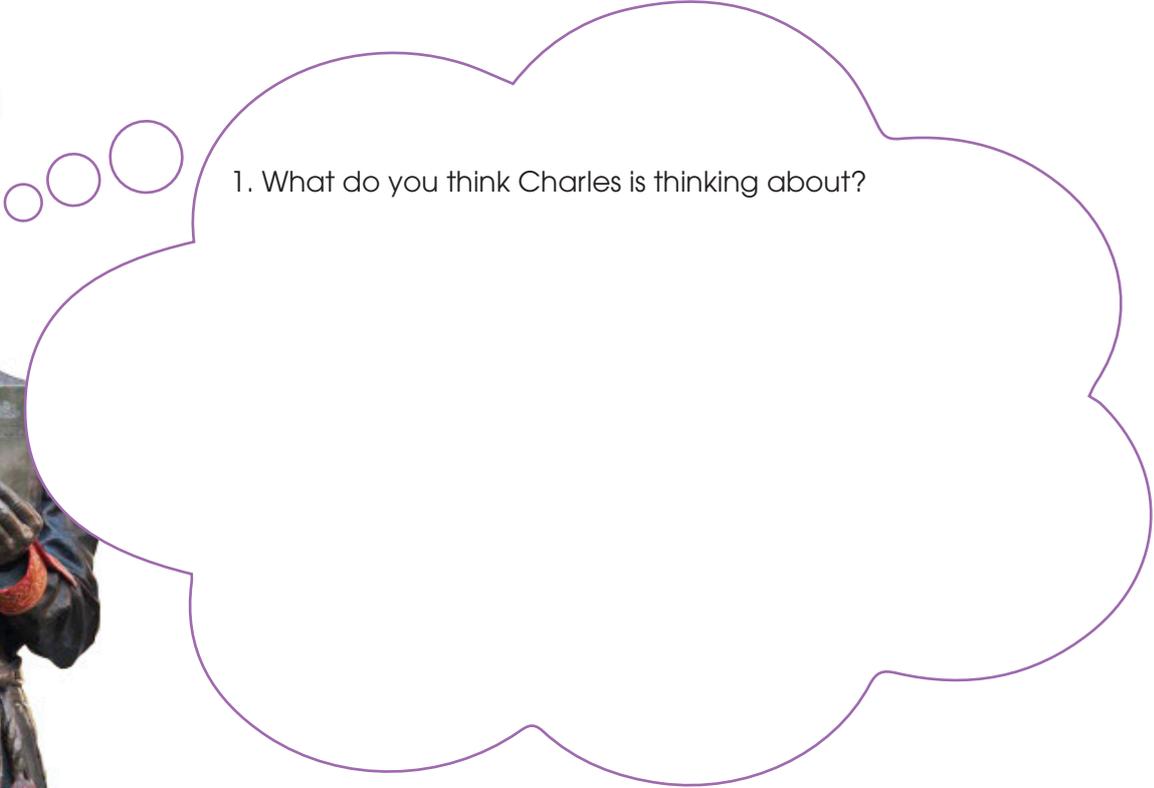


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**LA TROBE**

**Charles La Trobe,**  
first Lieutenant-Governor  
of Victoria



1. What do you think Charles is thinking about?



2. If you were designing a city, what would you include to make sure the residents were happy? Write or sketch your ideas.



1. Look at the pictures below. Are these happy or sad places? Make some jottings.



Melbourne 1836

Melbourne 1905

**Title:**

**Artist:**

2. Take a stroll around the gallery and find a painting that you think displays happiness.

a) Describe it here:

b) Read the information panel to find out who created this artwork, and what it's called. Record this in the box to the left. If possible, take a photograph so that you can reflect on it later.

3. Make some claims about why you think this is a happy place.  
*I think this is a happy place because....*

4. Do you think everyone would consider this a happy place?  
Explain why or why not.



Create a quick portrait of one of your classmates.

Write a label for your portrait highlighting some of the ways they contribute to making your classroom back at school a happy place. Are they Funny? Kind? Friendly? Helpful? Good at making cupcakes? Excellent at drawing pineapples? You decide!

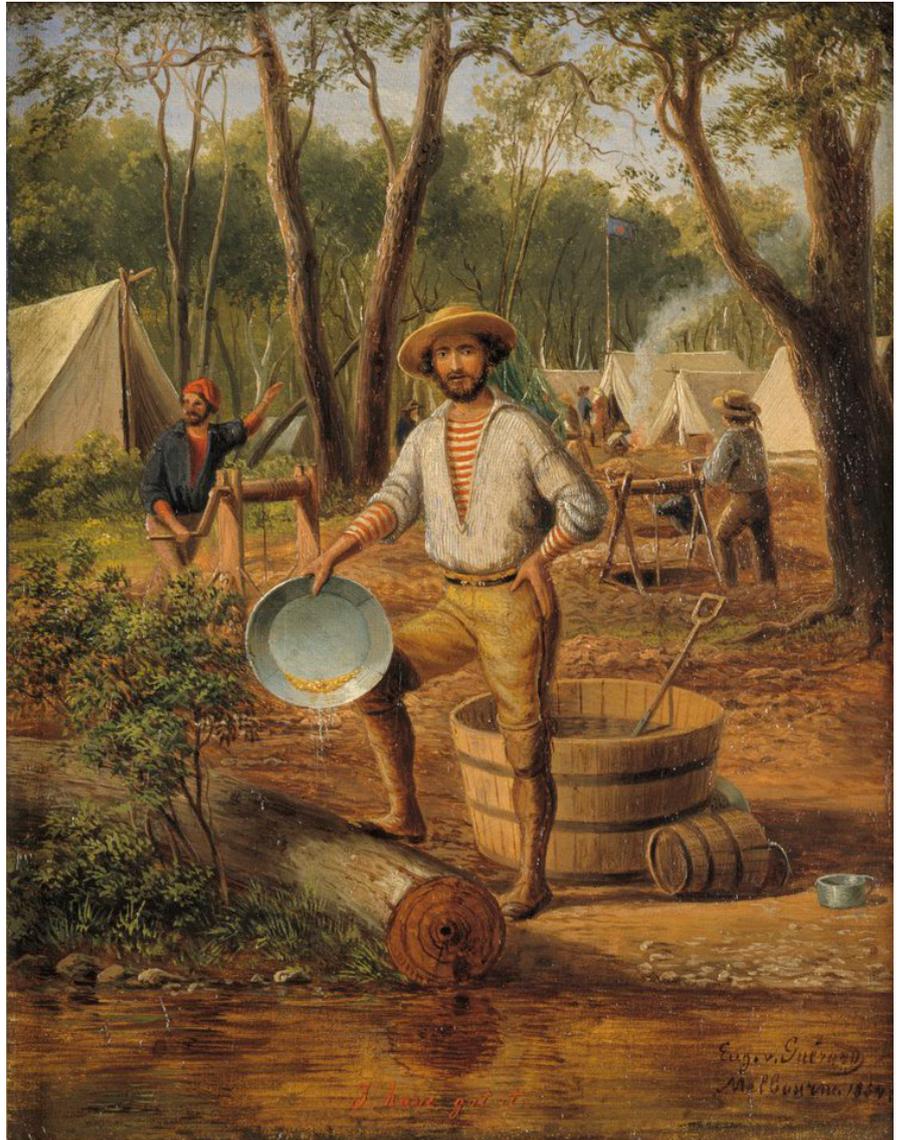


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*contributes to the happiness of my classroom by*  
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# THE CHANGING FACE OF VICTORIA EXHIBITION

1. Here is a painting that depicts life on the Victorian goldfields. What can you see in the painting that could provide happiness for the man in the centre? Write some notes around the image with arrows pointing to these things.



2. Can you rank these things? What do you think we need today in order to be happy? Put the most important things first and the least important things last.

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)



Find a quiet spot at a desk by yourself. Have a think about our discussions today and quietly jot down responses to these questions. Try to write in as much detail as you can.

1. In our discussions today we have thought about how place and happiness are connected. What do you think a place needs so that people can be happy?
2. Could different people have different ideas about happiness? What makes you say that?
3. Can everyone be happy in the same place, at the same time? Explain why or why not.
4. Did being in the Library today make you happy? Why do you feel that way?
5. What do you think is the most important question you considered today? Why?