

# YEAR 5, ACTIVITY 3

## TOWNSVILLE TIMELINE

Unscramble the dates and descriptions and create your own timeline.

Townsville Timeline	
1865	The first road to the hinterland was opened providing access to the port for all the pastoral properties in the hinterland.
1899	Peak of gold production, most of which was shipped through Townsville port.
1865	The first sale of allotments on Cleveland Bay was held at Bowen on 31 July.
1879	The first bridge from Flinders Street to Ross Island (South Townsville) was completed, but was dismantled when flaws were discovered in the drawbridge winches.
1890	Townsville's population reached 13 000 people.
1846	James Morrill, a crew member of the ship Peruvian, was shipwrecked on the Great Barrier Reef and was cast ashore on Cape Bowling Green after being 42 days at sea. Morrill lived with local Aboriginal Australians for 17 years when British settlement reached the area. Morrill was the first European inhabitant of the area.
1880	Townsville's first railway station was construction on the corner of Jones and Flinders Street.
1868	Townsville was major port and service centre for the Cape River, Gilbert, Ravenswood, Etheridge and Charters Towers goldfields.
1866	Townsville's first newspaper, the Cleveland Bay Herald, was distributed on 3 March.
1867	Townsville population was approximately 300 people.
1865	Cleveland Bay declared a Port of Entry 23 September 1865.
1872	Townsville's population grew to 2000 people.
1873	Robert Towns dies.
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1866	Robert Towns agrees to provide financial assistance to the new settlement. In February 1866 Townsville was declared a municipality and John Melton Black was its first mayor.
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1873	Merchant James Burns sets up business in Townsville. In 1877 he went into business with Robert Philp and established Burns Philp and Company. Burns Philp and Company would become one of the most significant shipping and trade companies in the South Pacific region in the early twentieth century.
1864	John Melton Black despatches Andrew Ball, Mark Watt Reid from Woodstock station to locate a coastal site suitable for a port. They reached the mouth of Ross Creek in April 1864 and explored the area around Melton Hill. Ball returned to Woodstock Station and reported of a site for settlement. The first part of settlers arrived at Cleveland Bay on 5 November.
1882	Railway was extended to Charters Towers to ship booming goldfields.
1866	Boiling down works established at Hermit Park, sugar plantations at Hyde Park and Hermit Park and cotton plantations at Railway Estate.