

White Australia.

So Australia is a country based on immigration, starting with the convicts arrived from Britain in the late eighteenth century. Along with the convicts of course came administrators from Britain and their families and then of course, overtime, more and more people came. In the nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century, it was exclusively Anglo-Saxon immigrants. There were some Chinese who came in the nineteenth century, but very few. After a while, however, as the country started to grow, there was a need for more and more people to come. So gradually, the Australian government began to implement policies to attract our migrants to Australia and to open immigration to people from other places. After the Second World War in particular, there was a real push to get or to attract migrants from southern European countries like Italy, Greece and Armenia, and then a bit later there were also people from south-east Asia. Wasps immigration, people from other countries ... immigration was too heavily regulated and there were still people who wanted to keep Australia as white as possible, so to speak. So various policies were instituted to regulate the flow of immigrants, especially people from south-east Asia. For example, if you go to the immigration museum in Adelaide, you'd see evidence of this and see for example that there was a dictation test given to Korean people in Gaelic. The test, of course, was designed to discourage people from coming because they would have absolutely no chance of passing that test.

*a convict : un prisonnier, un détenu

*a wasp = a W.A.S.P. : a White Anglo Saxon Protestant

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