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A prison is built

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1. When Captain E.Y.W. Henderson the new Comptroller-General of Convicts, arrived on board the *Scindian* he soon set out to search for a new prison site. He found a site where the ground was high, the air healthy and the view pleasant but he was over-ruled by the Governor. The place he first found is not the present Fremantle Prison site however. Find out where he first wanted to build the prison. _____

2. Do you think the Governor did well by not allowing Henderson to establish the prison on his first chosen site? ☆ Discuss as a group what changes this would have meant to the first chosen area.

3. Henderson drew the plans for the cells making them extremely small. They measured 1.2 X 2.13 metres.

Mark an area of the size given on the floor or in sand.

Convert your measurement into mm. Show your answer here

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4. Convicts dug a well within the prison walls. How deep did they dig before potable water was reached? _____metres.

5. Water was piped to the cells and huge drains were built under the prison to take away wastewater and sewage to garden cesspits. Bad plumbing caused water to continually drip in the drains creating a huge health problem for the convicts. What problem do you think it was?

6. When was the chapel built? _____



7. What three messages are inscribed on the chapel walls?

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8. Do you think the inscriptions would have been beneficial to the convicts?

☆ Discuss this issue as a group project.