

Student questions

Remember to include the source numbers in your answer.

1. What type of evidence is there for Indigenous people living in the area when the British arrived in 1788? Are these reliable sources? Why?

2. Is there evidence of hostilities between the British and Wangal people? What are the limitations with the sources you selected?

3. Today the Djarrawunang Ward of the Inner West Council is densely settled. Using sources describe what the vegetation and landscape was like before and in the first few decades of British occupation?

4. Select one of the following secondary sources and discuss their value and limitations; sources 11, 15, 21, 28, 29, 30.

5. What are the three alternative explanations for how Ashfield was named in source 6?

6. When did the construction of Liverpool Road start (source 7)?

7. How did land use changed from the 1859 plan in source 39 to the 1878 plan in source 42?

8. Now compare the Ashfield plans in sources 8, 40 and 41. What changes are seen over time?

9. Why does the description of Ashfield change from a village in 1881 to a suburb in 1889 in the government Railway Guides?

10. Describe how Ashfield Station has changed over time using the photographs in sources 17, 18 and 19.

11. Name two families who have lived in Milton House.

12. Use the graph in source 31 to describe the Chinese population in NSW from 1861 to 1901. How does this differ from the Chinese population in Victoria?

13. Who was Quong Tart?

14. Compare and describe the different interior style and decoration of the sitting room in Gallop House shown in source 32 and 33.

15. Use sources 44, 45 and 46 to outline the change in the Ashfield dwellings people lived in after 1947.

16. How does 21st century country of birth information for Ashfield differ from country of birth in the rest of NSW census data in source 47?

17. How does the country of birth in source 47 differ from the country of birth in the 1954 census data?

18. What are the values and limitations of statistics found in census data?

19. Comment on the limitations of newspaper articles like sources 7, 9 and 10.

20. You have been commissioned to write a short post/podcast on an aspect of the changes in the Djarrawunang Ward since British occupation. Outline what you would create.