

The Eureka Stockade — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- In 1854, gold miners at Ballarat rebelled against unfair licence fees and harsh treatment.
- They built a wooden barricade called the Eureka Stockade and flew the Eureka Flag.
- Soldiers stormed it early one morning; the fight lasted only minutes but several died.
- It led to fairer rules and the right for miners to vote.

Key vocabulary

- Stockade — a defensive barrier of wooden stakes.
- Rebellion — rising up against those in charge.
- Licence — a paid permit to do something.
- Democracy — a system where people vote for their leaders.

Why it is remembered

Though the rebellion was crushed quickly, it led to fairer treatment and voting rights, so many see it as an important step towards Australian democracy. The Eureka Flag remains a famous symbol.