



# Poster Activity

## Ludwig Leichhardt



The adventures of Ludwig Leichhardt are stranger than fiction, more fascinating than Hollywood. In this activity we explore the person and the journeys that made Ludwig Leichhardt famous.

Choose one of the following topics and create your own A4 or A3 poster.

**Hint:** Use the links and information under [www.leichhardtland.net.au/contact/leichhardt-links-for-kids](http://www.leichhardtland.net.au/contact/leichhardt-links-for-kids) to help you research these topics.

### Journey of Discovery

In 1844 he started in the Darling Downs, west of Brisbane, and trekked with his team 4,828km to Port Essington, arriving in December 1845.

#### **Map his journey!**

1. Show the route he took and the main places /rivers he named, using techniques of his time. That means: no computer printouts, but you can trace a map and the journey.  
Hint: You may want to make it look more 'authentic', like an old map from the 1800s.
2. Add other interesting facts or findings from this journey, e.g. what did they take with them, who were the members of the team, what happened along the way, what plants and wildlife did he find or discover.

**Primary: in English      Secondary: in German**

### Hero or Villain?

Celebrated as a national hero after the journey of discovery (above) and a great guy, there were others who described him as being selfish, jealous, a bad bushman and unfit to be a leader .

#### **Was he a hero? or was he a villain?**

1. Find out about the 'real' Leichhardt and explain why you think he was a hero or a villain. Give at least three reasons or examples of what people said about him.
2. You may like to add maps or pictures to help explain your reasons or the people involved.

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**Viel Spass!**