## Activity – Are these primary or secondary sources?



Public Record Office Victoria – Eureka Stockade: Gold License No. 43

http://wiki.prov.vic.gov.au/index.php/Eureka\_Stockade:Gold\_License\_No.43



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## Eureka Stockade

At the beginning of the 1850s, there was growing unrest among the miners. The government imposed a 30 shillings per month licence fee in order for the miners to work their claim. Police were sent to the goldfields to enforce the payment and were known to use unwarranted force when dealing with miners who did not, or could not, pay. In 1851, miners at Bendigo in Victoria held a large protest rally that began a movement for political change. The miners set about petitioning the government to revoke the licence fee.

On 1 August 1853, the 'Bendigo Goldfields Petition' was presented to Lieutenant-Governor Charles Joseph La Trobe (1801–1875). It had been signed by over 5,000 miners from across the Victorian goldfields and stretched for more than 13 metres in length. In response, the colonial government proposed doubling the cost of a miner's licence and the Governor of Victoria Sir Charles Hotham (1806–1855) ordered more frequent licence inspections. My Place – Australia in the 1850s: Eureka Stockade <a href="http://www.myplace.edu.au/decades timeline/1850/decade\_landing\_15\_1.html?tabRank=2&subTabRank=2">http://www.myplace.edu.au/decades\_timeline/1850/decade\_landing\_15\_1.html?tabRank=2&subTabRank=2</a>



Sovereign Hill Education – Historic photo gallery: A miners hut near Ballarat

http://education.sovereignhill.com.au/index878a.html?id=historicphotogallery



National Treasures – Eureka Flag (video) http://www.nfsa.gov.au/digitallearning/heritage/eureka.html

