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Track the History

Timeline activity suggested answers

Part A – Using the timeline

1. Students are required to list five events that directly relate to separation. Students will have their own perspective on this, although they should indicate reference to the specific changes in laws (such as the Aboriginal Protection Acts).
2. Suggested answers are provided for the events below, although students will have their own reasoning for explaining the connection.

Date	Event	How is it connected to the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families?
1770	James Cook claims possession of the whole east coast of Australia. Cook raises the British flag at Possession Island, off Cape York Peninsula in Queensland.	Cook's landing is significant because it marked the first non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander settlement of Australia, and the beginning of white colonisation.
1901	Federation	
1937	First Commonwealth/ State conference on native welfare	
1948	Universal Declaration of Human Rights	
1967	National referendum	
1993	International year of Indigenous people	
1996	High Court hands down Wik decision	

Part B – Group discussion: time, people and places

There are no set answers for this section.