Recount by a convict girl

Sheet 6

1. Read the following profile of a convict girl who was on board a ship of the First Fleet.

Convict girl — aged 10 years

- caught stealing on the streets of London
- transported to Sydney
- below deck on board a First Fleet ship entering Port Jackson
- heard the noise of her ship colliding with another ship
- has friends on board the ship
- had sores on her legs from leg-irons
- went ashore at Port Jackson

2. Think about her experiences during this time and make notes in the following table. You will need to use your imagination and think about some of the historical accounts and literary recounts you have read so far.

What is her name?	What happened to her doing one of these events?	Whom was she with?
What were her feelings?	What were the conditions on board the ship like?	How would she be feeling after such a long sea voyage?
What did she think?	What did she say?	What did her friends on board say?

What happened in the end?	How did she feel when she stepped ashore?	What were her thoughts and feelings afterwards?

3. Use your notes to write a recount from the convict girl's perspective, based around the points listed in the profile. Write one or two paragraphs in the space provided.