The First Fleet

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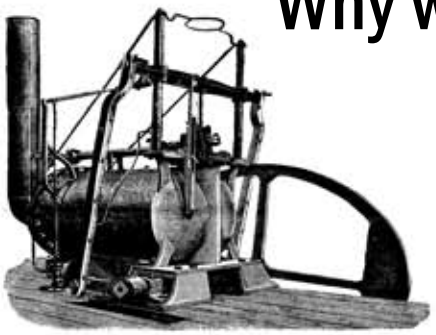
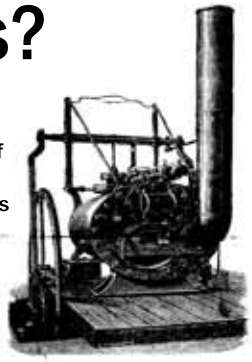
Why were there so many convicts?



Life was very difficult in Britain. The Industrial Revolution saw the invention of many new machines for manufacturing and farming. These machines made manufacturing and farming a lot easier and more efficient and a lot of the jobs that used to be done by people were now done by the machines, so many people lost their jobs and moved to the city looking for work. The cities were crowded, many people could not find work and so a lot of families were poor. In order to survive people would steal things like food, clothes or livestock. Stealing was a crime punishable by deportation.



What other crimes were punishable by deportation?
Use your library and the internet to investigate and record what you find below: