

## The Lieutenant Prompts

1. '*The Lieutenant* demonstrates how an individual's true self emerges in the face of conflict.' Discuss.
2. '*The Lieutenant* shows the catalysts for miscommunication and misunderstanding between the First Fleet and the local Aboriginal population.' Discuss.
3. '*The Lieutenant* presents a society where sustained, amicable relations between the "Berewalgal" and the Aboriginal population were impossible.' Do you agree?
4. "But a man could not travel along two different paths."  
How is Rooke's conflict of conscience explored in *The Lieutenant*?
5. 'Rooke's own differences furthered his understanding of and connection with Tagaran.' Discuss.
6. "You did not learn a language without entering into a relationship with the people who spoke it with you."
7. How is this concept explored in *The Lieutenant*?
8. "The intention of evil was there which is all that God see when he looks into our hearts." 'Grenville explores the importance of intention over action in *The Lieutenant*.' Discuss.
9. Why are Rooke's realisations about and outlook on the world an anomaly?
10. '*The Lieutenant* explores how social change can only happen with dissent and non-conformity.'  
To what extent do you agree?
11. How does Grenville construct morality in *The Lieutenant*?
12. 'Rooke discovers that exploration of the self is crucial in shaping one's sense of identity.' Discuss.
13. 'It is easier to resist change than to enable it.' How does *The Lieutenant* demonstrate this idea?
14. 'In *The Lieutenant*, it is the individual who determines what is possible and what is impossible.' Discuss.

15. "If he were to go back to that night on the sand of Botany Bay, would he make the same choice again, knowing that this was where it would lead him...?"  
How does Grenville explore how and why difficult choices are made?
  
16. 'Intransigence and a sense of superiority ultimately prevent unity in New South Wales.' Do you agree?