

ACTIVITY 3 – Ned Kelly: Victim or Villain?

Ned Online presents a valuable source of fascinating information for students to research the Kelly story and formulate their own ideas as to what was happening at the time.

The Police force was accused of harassment by the Kellys and their relatives.

1. Download and familiarise yourself with the information contained in the **two tables** summarising the criminal records of the Kelly family and their close relatives
2. What do you think the tables of criminal records on the following pages indicate about the Kellys and their close relatives?
3. Do you think the Kellys were criminals? Or do you think they and their families were persecuted by the police?
4. How does a person's reputation effect the way we behave towards them?
5. What caused the police to watch them all so closely? Was it the Kellys', Quinns' and Lloyds' reputations?
6. Download and read the '**Stringybark Creek shooting of three Policemen**'. Think about it, then discuss how these killings would have effected the attitude of the police to the gang. Did Ned Kelly act in self defence?
7. Did Ned Kelly have a choice in becoming a bushranger? What else could he have done?

