

## The Clearances

### Source 1

Read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. What was the main difference between how the land was held under the clan system and how it was held under the feudal system?

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2. Complete the sentences choosing the correct word from the 'word box'.

i. The owner of large areas of land in the Highlands was the

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ii. Their main tenant was called the

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iii. The person who rented a small plot of land from the main tenant was a

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cottar	tacksman	landlord	Sub-tenant
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### Source 2

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. What was used to roof the old house with?

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2. Why is the house empty and in ruins today?

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3. Where did most Highlanders emigrate to?

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**Source 3**

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. What lay behind the Duke of Sutherland's decision to resettle the people on the coast?

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2. Why were the Sutherland clearances so notorious?

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**Source 4**

Read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. What had caused such distress and suffering in the Highlands?

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2. Why was emigration seen as a good solution to :-

i. the **landlord**:

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ii.the **people**:

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3. What evidence is there that clearing the land for sheep was not necessarily the best way forward?

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4. What else did Sir John think should be taught?

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Click to enlarge the image and then answer the following questions.

5. Look at the table of population of Highland parishes between 1755 and 1851. Complete the table below :-

Parish	Population in 1755	Population in 1851
Gairloch (Rosshire)		
Barvas (Lewis)		
Harris		

6. To what extent was Sir John correct in concluding “. . . that the population in most areas was too large”?

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7. Why should this source be taken seriously?

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**Source 5**

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. What was kelp used for?

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2. Give three reasons why the population fell from 600 to less than 30?

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 ii. ....  
 iii. ....

3. What evidence is there that Highland emigrants could do very well abroad?

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Source 6

Read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. She says the passage by ship was ‘favourable’. What suggests that it was far from ‘favourable’?

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2. What is there in their new home to remind them of life in Skye?

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3. What has clearly shocked Margaret about life in Melbourne?

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4. In the last paragraph she writes “My dear brother, I wish you and Margaret would take the courage of coming out here, for I know it would be better for you and for your family than staying **there**” Where is ‘**there**’?

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**Source 7**

**Read the text and then answer the following questions.**

1. How many died on the passage to Australia?

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2. Why did so many die?

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3. What is he hinting at when he says to Donald Campbell, “. . .what are you doing in Roag with your strong family?”

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4. What does he see as the worst thing in emigrating?

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