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Abstract

The thesis, *Perfidious Albion*, is a feature length film script. Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet arrived off the coast of New South Wales late in January 1788. *Perfidious Albion* is a contemporary interpretation of the story of Arthur Phillip's struggle to establish the penal colony. The story starts as the fleet stands off Botany Bay, and continues through the discovery that Botany Bay is not suitable, the discovery of Sydney Harbour and Camp Cove, the arrival of the French, the establishment of the tent town at Camp Cove. The story reaches its climax at the unloading of the women and the ensuing storm and the orgy/rape. It concludes in Phillip's speech to his hungover population the following morning.