

# The First Fleet

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machines	eleven	harsh	goals	independence

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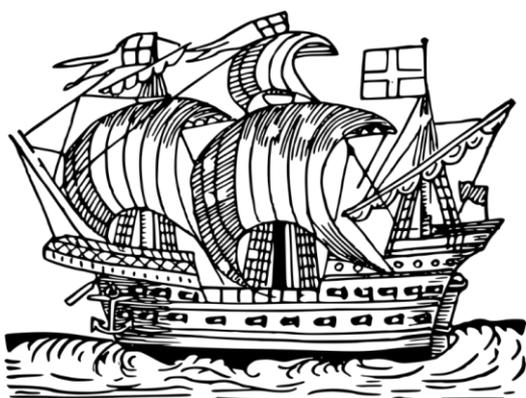
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