
Ned Kelly

Should He Be Remembered as a Hero?

Edward “Ned” Kelly is known to be Australia’s the most notorious bushranger. Many people believe he was a villain, however there are others who believe he should be remembered as a hero.

When Ned Kelly was young, he often stole from the wealthy in order to support his poor family. He was always known to be in trouble with the police for stealing food and livestock from farms.

Ned Kelly thought stealing was necessary because he had to take care of his family. He felt like it was his responsibility to make sure that they were well looked after. Ned was the eldest child and was known as ‘man’ of the family. Everyone agrees that theft and stealing is wrong, which is why many people believe he should be known as a villain. However, many believe that he broke the law because it was best for his family and therefore he should be known as a hero. A hero who did everything he could to protect and take care of his family.

Ned Kelly received a poor education during his childhood. Because of this, many people believed that he would not be able to survive. However, he was naturally intelligent and many people think this was due to his own personal life experiences that he went through. He completed many good deeds during his life, one of which was saving a young child from drowning. Like any other young man, he tried to prove himself worthy by getting a job, however, he was always in the spotlight as he often fought with the police. Due to his history and being known for stealing,

the police often tried to charge him with things that went wrong in the community. However, due to having little or no evidence, Ned was always let off.

A new constable in the neighbourhood, Alexander Fitzpatrick arrived at the Kelly’s homestead before suppertime one night. He was there to charge Dan Kelly, Ned’s young brother, for stealing livestock. Ned became defensive and of this and shot at the constable twice. The second time hitting Ned shot his pistol the bullet hit the constable in the wrist. After this incident, Ned Kelly was known as an outlaw. He didn’t know what else to do but run away from the police.

Ned Kelly committed these crimes because he wanted to protect his family and keep them safe. This should not make him a villain. He should be remembered as a hero because of the kindness, bravery and protection that he showed towards his family.

