

Was Ned Kelly a hero or villain?

A lot of people debate about whether or not Ned Kelly was a hero or villain. Based on the book **Black Snake** by Carole Wilkinson, Ned Kelly was a villain. He committed many crimes like, Robbing banks, Killing people and stealing horses and cattle! All of these crimes were committed by Ned Kelly. The book **Black Snake** shows that Ned Kelly did commit these crimes and that he was definitely a villain!

One of the crimes Ned Kelly committed, was robbing two banks. When Ned robbed these two banks, he wasn't on his own. He had the help of his gang. He wasn't very happy with the amount of money collected from the robbing the banks. He had expected a lot more money to be in the banks but there wasn't. "He robbed two banks"! Ned and his gang weren't please with the robbery's, but he still committed a serious crime!

Another serious crime that Ned Kelly committed, was killing three police men. In the Kelly Gang's last stand at Stringybark Creek, Ned Kelly shot two police men, and he was said to have also shot Constable Fitzpatrick! "Ned shot Lonigan and Kennedy at Stringybark Creek, he also shot Constable Fitzpatrick." After all these murders, Ned Kelly was on top of the wanted list. Killing people is a serious crime, and Ned Kelly killed three different people!

Ned Kelly and his gang, also stole hundreds of Horses and Cattle, from people that lived nearby. Stealing is a very bad action to commit. When Ned Kelly was young, he stole Horses just to ride on, but when he got older, he stole hundreds of Horses and Cattle. Then he began to sell it. "He stole hundreds of Horses and Cattle." Robbing and stealing are both serious crimes, and he committed both!

Ned Kelly took some of the stolen horses and cattle, then sold it at a market. He found that stealing horses and cattle was super easy, but then didn't know what to do with the cattle after. Ned Kelly would go down to the market, and take some of the stolen horses and castles, and sell it, while pretending to be a squatters son! "Sometimes one of the gang would pretend to be a squatters son, taking the stolen horses and cattle, to sell at the market." Stealing horses and cattle is just as serious a crime as it is buying stolen horses and cattle!

Ned Kelly is definitely a villain, because of all the crimes that he has committed! Based on the evidence provided it seems clear that Ned Kelly was a villain. He robbed two banks, killed three people, stole horses and cattle and sold stolen horses and cattle! Ned Kelly was definetly a villain!