



Western Cape
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Get Grade 10 History Learners

THINKING

(and fulfilling CAPS requirements)!

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service presents a new and special hands-on school programme **FOR YOU**.

Unboxing the Past: Researching Cape Slavery lets learners practice historical research skills by engaging with primary sources. This helps to develop a deeper understanding of the research process, as well as learning important historical information.

What do learners do?

Learners use primary sources to practice historical research skills. They research the answer to: **“What do we know about enslaved people at the Cape?”**. Their task, in small groups, is to present the first draft of their research to the other groups by creating a poster. Each group gets *different* sources and thus, should produce *different* presentations. A discussion on how we know about slavery at the Cape and historical research skills, will be facilitated throughout the programme.

These skills are required for the CAPS heritage assignment (Term 2) and the programme can be used as the basis for this assignment. It also links to CAPS content for Term 1, Topic 2 and Term 3, Topic 5.

Grade 10 history learners will:

- **Practice research and critical thinking skills** through consulting a range of sources, extracting and interpreting information from those sources and, synthesising that information to answer the question.
- **Practice teamwork** as they decide how to allocate tasks and work together.
- **Practice communication and presentation skills** to summarise complex information, and then strategise how to communicate these ideas through a poster and presentation.
- **Reflect on the process of doing historical research** and working with primary source material (evaluating sources, gaps in historical knowledge, assumptions, studying people who left few written records).
- **Gain a deeper appreciation of archiving as a practice** and the value of preserving documents, artefacts, stories and images from the past.



Details

- The programme can either be delivered at the Western Cape Archives (72 Roeland Street, Cape Town – own transport required) or at school.
- It takes a morning. Max. 42 learners at a time. Please book multiple slots to accommodate more learners.
- The programme is delivered by WCARS staff with teachers being actively involved.
- Copies of the primary sources for the programme will be left with the teacher afterwards for future use.
- It is free of charge.

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