



OVERVIEW

St Helena Stories V9

Year 5 Program

St Helena Stories is a day program that immerses students in the historical events and places of St Helena Island (Noagoon) National Park. St Helena Island has long cultural and historical significance for the Quandamooka people, who for thousands of years before European colonisation cared for the island through hunting, gathering, and strong connections to the land and sea.

Students use various historic sources to explore what life was like for different people during the colonial period. These stories come to life on the island, as students are immersed in a museum theatre experience, allowing an understanding of society and points of view in the past to be developed.

On St Helena Island, students actively engage in making observations, investigating heritage structures and interpreting sources for evidence of the past. Students explore change from First Nations use of the land to prison settlement, viewing the ways people managed this place and how human actions influenced this environment. They reflect on William Hamilton and the shearers' strike to understand how historical attitudes, events and actions shaped Brisbane's history.

Curriculum Intent - Year 5

HASS

Knowledge and Understanding

History

- The economic, political and social causes of the establishment of British colonies in Australia after 1800 [AC9HS5K01](#)
- The impact of the development of British colonies in Australia on the lives of First Nations Australians, the colonists and convicts, and on the natural environment [AC9HS5K02](#)
- The role of a significant individual or group, including First Nations Australians and those who migrated to Australia, in the development of events in an Australian colony [AC9HS5K03](#)

Skills

Questioning and researching [AC9HS5S01](#)

Interpreting, analysing and evaluating [AC9HS5S04](#)

Communicating [AC9HS5S07](#)

HASS

Knowledge and Understanding

Civics and Citizenship

- How citizens (members of communities) with shared beliefs and values work together to achieve a civic goal [AC9HS5K07](#)



General Capabilities (links)

Critical and Creative Thinking
Ethical understanding
Intercultural Understanding

Cross-curriculum Priorities (links)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures

A Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment is available on request.