

Historian Kits

Getting started

The historian kit provides some tools for students to practice the historical skills and develop the historical concepts from the Australian Curriculum: History. The kits can be used in any historical inquiry by the inclusion of primary and secondary source materials related to the content descriptions (historical knowledge and understandings strand) for a particular year level/s.

Tools for practicing the historical skill of *chronology*

- Ribbons or streamers for making timelines
- Sticky notes for annotating timelines
- Calendars
- Calculators

Tools for practicing the historical skill of *using and analysing sources* and developing the historical concept of *evidence*

- Magnifying glasses for examining sources
- Tweezers and white gloves for handling sources
- Acid proof (or tissue paper) for storing documents and photographs
- Note books for analysing sources
- Zip lock bags for storing 'evidence'

Tools for developing the historical concept of *cause and effect*

- Dominoes with sticky notes for demonstrating chains of events.

Tools for posing *historical questions*

- Chatter boxes (with a choice of what, where, when, who, how, why questions)
- Dice for selecting from a list of question starters

Suggested source materials to support a historical inquiry

- Photographs (a selection of photographs of the same place from different times supports the historical concept of continuity and change)
- Objects and artefacts (household items, medals, tools etc. as well as photographs of artefacts)
- Newspaper articles, advertisements and cartoons
- Drawings and paintings
- Maps and plans
- Diaries and letters and copies of documents