



# Professional learning seminars on the Australian Curriculum: History

FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHERS



Drawing on the expertise of the Faculty's History Discipline Group, The University of Western Australia is holding seminars to assist primary and secondary school teachers with their implementation of the Australian Curriculum: History.

## Seminars

The seminars will provide participants with sound topic content knowledge linked to the key inquiry questions and historical skills laid out in the Australian Curriculum: History. Topics will be situated within various levels of the History Curriculum framework.

## Resource pack

A resource pack containing suggested readings and primary sources will be provided, enabling participants to further their own content knowledge and effectively translate this knowledge into the classroom.

## Follow-up sessions

There will be the option of attending a follow-up session for each of the four initial seminars. These sessions will allow participants to further brainstorm and 'unpack' the Australian Curriculum: History within the context of a specific topic. Participants will discuss their (enacted or predicted) approaches to teaching the topic, drawing upon their own classroom experiences and data. The session will culminate with the collaborative development of classroom activities based on sources provided by the presenter.

## Topics and dates

The seminars will be held after school during February 2012.

The following topics are first in the seminar series. Although they focus on a particular year level curriculum, the content is also suitable for other year level teachers.

### Topic 1

Monday 6 February 2012  
**Medieval Europe – Year 8:**  
Winthrop Prof Sue Broomhall

### Topic 2

Tuesday 7 February 2012  
**Australia as a Nation – Year 6:**  
Assoc Prof Jeremy Martens

### Topic 3

Monday 13 February 2012  
**Investigating the Ancient Past – Year 7:** Prof Alistair Paterson

### Topic 4

Tuesday 14 February 2012  
**Community and Remembrance – Year 3:** Dr Cindy Lane



### Costs

Each seminar will be 2 hours long from 4 – 6pm and will cost \$50 per seminar.



### Learning outcomes for teachers

- Participants will gain an appreciation for and understanding of the particular seminar topic because of the presenter's knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm.
- While each seminar is focused on one particular topic, because the principles of teaching the Australian Curriculum: History remain the same across the curriculum, skills and knowledge acquired in these seminars can be transferred to other topics.
- In developing and then presenting a classroom activity based around a primary source, participants will increase their confidence in both the subject matter and in putting the Australian Curriculum: History into practice.
- Participants will gain practical suggestions and examples of how to implement and teach the Australian Curriculum: History in their classrooms.
- Participants will come away from the course with information on where to pursue further subject knowledge.
- Through exposure to specific Australian Curriculum: History content, participants will gain an implicit understanding of the five Historical Skills emphasised in the Australian Curriculum: History.

### Assessment

There will be no assessment, but teachers will receive a Certificate of Attendance for the seminar which will count towards the year's professional development requirements.

### Further information and registration

For general enquiries and to register your interest so that we can email you once venues have been finalised, please email: [teacherpd-history@uwa.edu.au](mailto:teacherpd-history@uwa.edu.au)

For more information and to enrol in a seminar please visit:

[humanities.uwa.edu.au/research/history/professional-learning-seminars](https://humanities.uwa.edu.au/research/history/professional-learning-seminars)