



ISLANDS

HIDDEN
HISTORIES
FROM
QUEENSLAND
ISLANDS

Learning notes

(Upper primary)

Islands, an exhibition and digital collection brought to life in 2018 by State Library of Queensland, tells the hidden stories of five islands off the coast of Queensland. Far from being places of peace and tranquility, after the arrival of Europeans many islands became the scene of treachery and deception, violence and vengeance, life and death, and the struggle for survival and resources. There are, however, stories of triumph juxtaposed against those tragic tales, where love, family and home win out in the end and against the odds.

When the Butchulla people of **K'gari Fraser Island** observed Captain Cook in 1770, the occasion was recorded in song. Cook recorded the same moment, naming the spot Indian Head on the map; an ephemeral yet significant moment in the history of Butchulla people. However, when they encountered the shipwrecked Captain James Fraser, his wife Eliza and several crew from the *Stirling Castle* in 1836, all their lives were forever changed.

Using the K'gari Fraser foldable in your classroom

This activity has been specifically designed for students in upper primary to complete individually. Download and print a copy of K'gari Fraser foldable for each student (single sided — A3 or A4). Note: A3 will give students more room for response. Students cut along the dashed lines and following the instructions, glue the centre shape to the underside of the previous layer (1 through 3) to create layered tabs around the perimeter of the centre shape.

Australian Curriculum

Students will engage with **three of the seven Concepts of Interdisciplinary Thinking** in accordance with the HASS curriculum that relate specifically to the perspectives and stories of K'gari Fraser Island;

- Significance
- Cause and effect
- Perspectives and actions

Year 5 HASS

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Year 6 HASS

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and the [General Capabilities](#) of:

- Intercultural understanding
- Ethical understanding
- Critical and creative thinking

Extend this resource in your classroom by:

- Writing an extended response to any of the six provocations within the foldable (English)
- Creating a multi-modal presentation alongside further research into a specific element of the K'gari Fraser story (Technologies, English, Media Arts)
- Creating a visual response to the K'gari Fraser story such as a sketch or collage that incorporates text including facts, quotes, dates or events (Visual Arts, Media Arts)

Further reading and resources:

- *Islands: hidden histories from Queensland islands* (exhibition website 2018, State Library of Queensland)
- [One Search](#), State Library's digital library catalogue has extended resources relating to K'gari Fraser
- Discover more about the *Aboriginals protection and restriction of the sale of opium Act 1897* here, [Queensland legislation](#)
- *K'gari Online Documentary* (Foley, F, SBS), an interactive documentary by artist and Butchulla woman Fiona Foley

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