

The Queensland History  
Teachers' Association

Saturday 28 June 2025



# State History Conference

**From collections to the  
classroom: connecting with  
State Library of Queensland**

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## **Acknowledgement of traditional owners**

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging. I would also like to extend my acknowledgement to First Nations people here today.





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# Teachers are struggling with the curriculum planning load – high-quality materials would help

## Teachers are struggling

**15%** of teachers have **access to a shared bank** of high-quality curriculum materials for all their classes

**49%** of teachers are **planning mostly on their own** for their classes

**55%** of teachers are **not satisfied** with their school's current approach to curriculum planning

## Shared, high-quality materials would help


Proportion of teachers who agree or strongly agree



say it would give them more time to focus on improving their **classroom practice**



say it would give teachers more time to evaluate and respond to **individual student learning needs**



**State Library of Queensland can help foster an appreciation for local history and culture among students and support their learning and academic pursuits – *adding ‘local stories’ or the Queensland perspective to their classrooms.***

## Teachers and students

Learn with us at State Library, both onsite and online, with exciting opportunities for teachers, students and learners of all ages.



### Onsite experiences

Activities, workshops, and self-guided experiences to help students explore and engage with State Library's collections.

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### Live at the Library

Invite State Library into your classroom with our personalised, live-streamed experiences.

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### Anzac Square Memorial Galleries


Discover tours and resources to connect students with Queensland's wartime history (WWI to present day conflicts).

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### Curriculum aligned resources


Curriculum Connect provides free, teacher-reviewed, classroom-ready resources across key learning areas.

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### Professional development

Curriculum Connect offers resources to help incorporate learning about art, history and culture into your teaching practice.

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### Student resources

Discover resources, tools and techniques to help students quickly and efficiently do their assignments.

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# State Library's schools program

[Workshops and resources for  
teachers and students](#)



# Research strategies workshops (Years 7-12)

- Free
- Build research skills
- Craft effective search inquiries
- Complete assessments and external exam tasks
- Onsite (2 hours)
- 1:1 – class to staff member
- Online – (45 mins) Live at the Library
- 1:1 or multiple classes, simultaneously





# Research topics

- China 1931-1976
- Germany 1914-1945 and the Rise of Nazi Germany
- Queensland's Frontier Violence
- The American Revolution
- The State of Israel
- Individuals or groups who created political, economic, cultural and/or social change in Australia from 1750 - 1971
- 5th Century Athens
- Industrial Revolution
- Philip II and Alexander III
- Mao's China
- The civilisation of Ramesside's, Egypt
- French Revolution
- Bay of Pigs
- Cold War
- Indigenous Civil Rights
- Australian Indigenous Rights Movement
- Indian Independence movement

# Interactive learning module

## Student research with State Library

Feel more confident navigating State Library's resources to find high quality information sources for your assessments.

Start module [↗](#)



### Boolean operators

Click on the cards below to learn about a range of Boolean operators that good researchers (like yourself) can use to refine and focus their keyword searches.

Use "quotation marks" to search for an exact phrase.  
Using "climate change" will limit results to instances where both words are used together in that sequence.

Synonyms

Alternative spellings

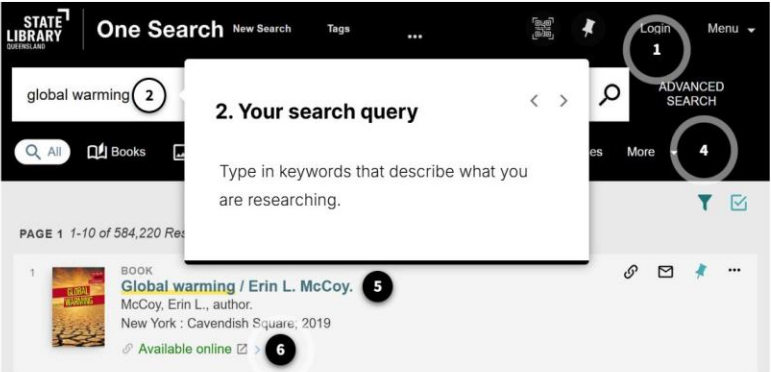
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### Performing a simple search

Click on the numbers in the graphic below to explore some of the features of 'One Search'.



### Check your understanding

Drag the flags on the left to match with the appropriate database on the right:

1	A comprehensive database for research into all contemporary topics.	Britannica Library
2	Valuable tool for quick fact-checking	Oxford Reference
3	Specialises in academic journal articles and primary sources from history.	JSTOR
4	Content created especially for teenagers	ProQuest

# Research Assistant

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Start a new search

Research history

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Research Assistant

This tool searches published scholarly eresources and research. News articles, State Library's local collections and family history indexes are not included in results.

What is your research question?

Example questions

About Research Assistant

Find recent research about how vitamin D deficiency impact overall health

Did Picasso's time in Paris influence his artistic style?

Find books about the reception of Machiavelli's The Prince in modern times

How can we improve diversity in Clinical Trials?





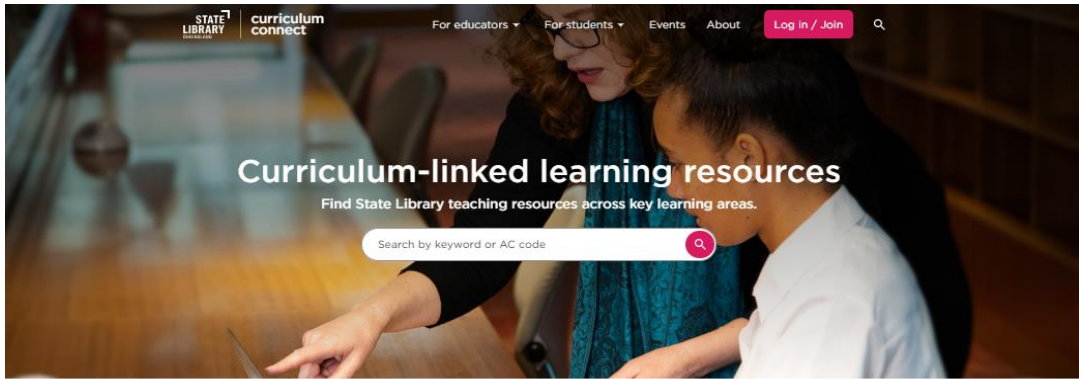
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# Live at the Library

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### Explore by learning area



English



HASS



Science



The Arts



Technologies

### Latest resources

[See all resources \(160\)](#)



#### Australia's Black History

Years 9-10 - 11-12

Explore the colonial history of Queensland through new perspectives, using primary sources from our collections.



#### The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons

Years 7-8 - 9-10 - 11-12

An interactive learning resource including digital stories and artworks, from the exhibition curated by Colleen Sam.



#### Student research with State Library

Years 9-10 - 11-12

This module has been designed to help students feel confident navigating State Library's resources.



### Professional development for teachers

Free professional development sessions throughout the Queensland school term time.

[Learn more](#)



# Curriculum Connect

Professional development and curriculum-linked teaching resources across key subject areas

## Resources by subject area



### Arts resources

Discover databases, collections and stories from State Library for the study of Visual Arts, Dance, Music, Drama and Media Arts.

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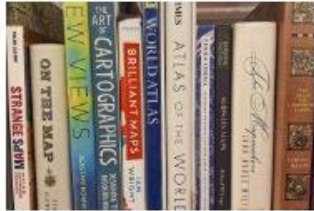
### Business, economics and accounting resources

Discover industry reports, news and interviews, specialist collections and stories from State Library for the study of business.

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### English resources

Discover databases, eBooks, news archives, collections and stories from State Library for your study of English.

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### Geography resources

Discover databases, news archives, collections, maps and stories from State Library for the study of Geography.

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### History resources

Discover stories and collections that highlight important historical events and explore a curated selection of databases.

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### Legal studies, civics and citizenship resources

Discover databases, news archives, collections and stories from State Library for the study of law, civics and citizenship.

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### Science resources

Discover databases with 3D simulations and the best international scientific journals, research guides and more for the study of science.

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### Technologies resources

Discover databases, collections and stories from State Library for the study of design, ICT, digital technologies, architecture, food and more.

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# Student resources pages

The best databases, resources, collections and stories for each subject area.





## Anzac Square Memorial Galleries

Discover tours and resources to connect students with Queensland's wartime history (WWI to present day conflicts).

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# War history

[Discover tours and resources to connect students with Queensland's wartime history \(WWI to present day conflicts\).](#)

# Charlie the Virtual Veteran



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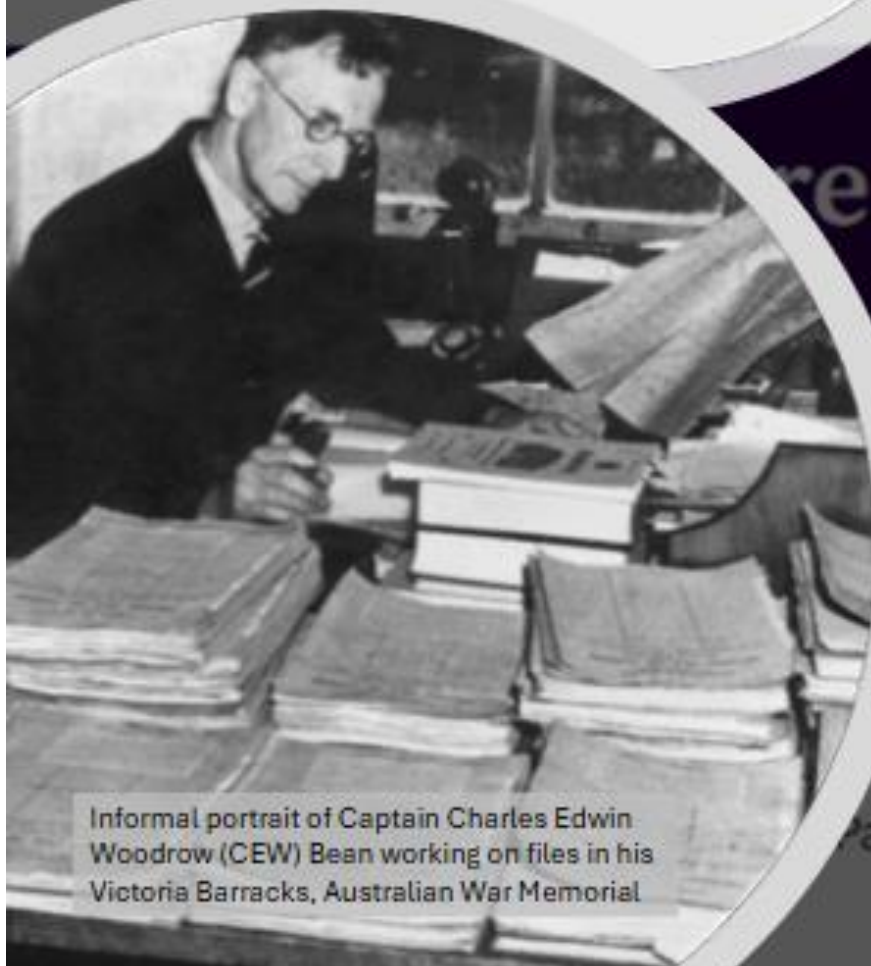
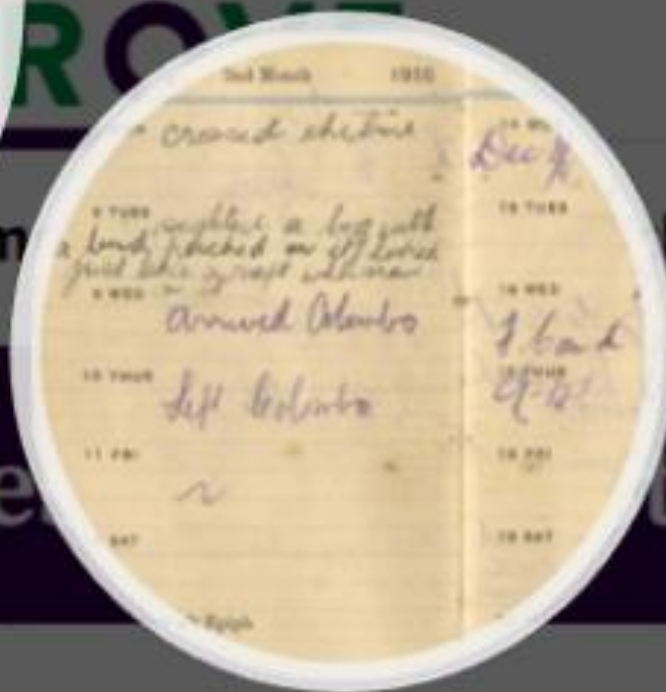
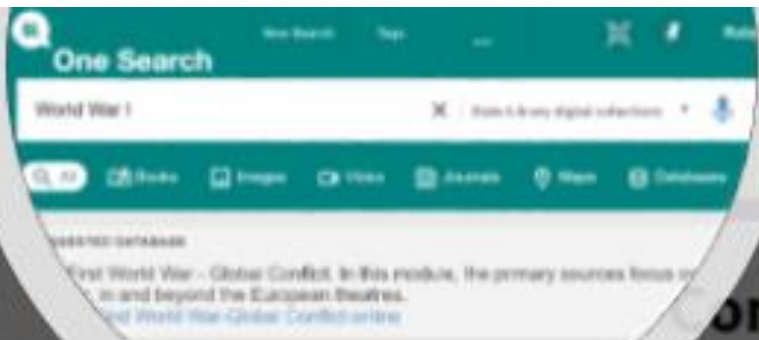
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Your AI guide to a rich collection of World War I resources



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Informal portrait of Captain Charles Edwin Woodrow (CEW) Bean working on files in his Victoria Barracks, Australian War Memorial.



# Considerations

## QUALITY OF MATERIALS

For the AI technology to work high-quality machine-readable transcripts is required.

*If letters, diaries or newspaper articles did not meet this requirement they may have been excluded.*

## FIRST NATIONS PERSPECTIVES

First-person accounts of First Nations service men and women were limited or unavailable at the development of this first iteration of the Virtual Veterans chatbot, limiting the ability to explore their experience of World War I.

## BIAS

Efforts have been made to use a diverse range of sources and perspectives to provide a balanced view of World War I to ensure that the chatbot respects users, regardless of their background or identity.

*However, no AI is completely free of bias, as it is the product of the data they are trained on.*

# Things to note

## INACCURACY OR NON- FUNCTIONING

The more people interact with Charlie, the more it will grow and improve the platform. Your feedback is integral to that process. Please use the 'submit feedback' or 'report issue' forms to provide further details about your experience.

## DATA AND PRIVACY

Virtual Veterans does not store or share personal data shared during its use. It is designed to respect user privacy and is GDPR SOC2 compliant. Its primary function is to provide information and answer questions about World War I. Question submissions and responses are reviewed to improve chat results and the Virtual Veterans experience.

## SOURCE MATERIALS LANGUAGE DISCLAIMER

Resource materials may contain culturally sensitive descriptions that may no longer be used in certain public or community contexts. Annotation and terminology reflect attitudes in source materials or that of the era in which the items were created and may be considered inappropriate today.

# Coming soon – Year 9, World War I







### Exhibitions

Connect with the uniquely Queensland stories shared in exhibitions past and present.

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### Collections

The histories and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland are diverse, rich and alive.

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### Indigenous Knowledge Centres

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### Family history

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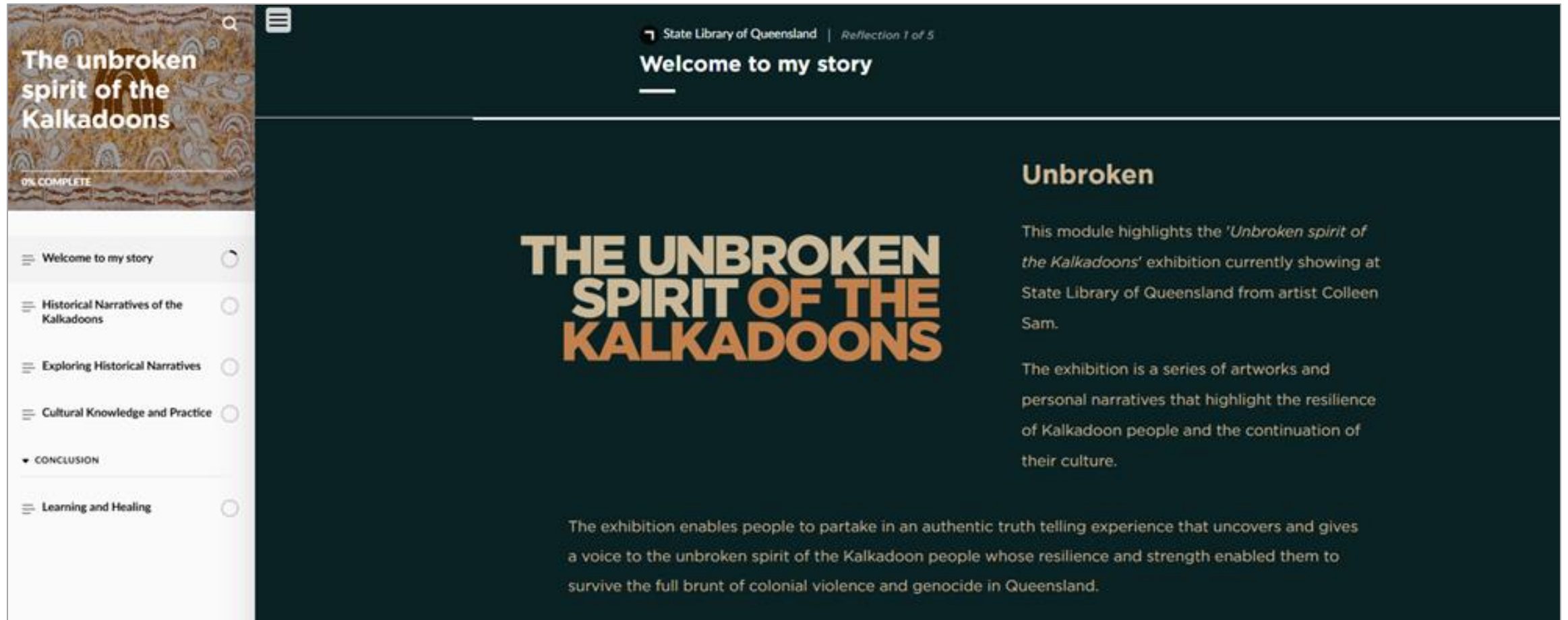
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# First Nations resources

[Exhibitions, showcases, collections, family history, languages and contemporary stories](#)

# The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons

## Interactive learning module



# Australia's Black History

## Interactive learning module

Australia's Black History

25% COMPLETE

- Introduction
- The Arrival of the First Fleet
- Frontier Violence
- Frontier Violence: The Kalkadoons - A Case Study



### Colonial Queensland

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### War or Violence?

When colonial history in Queensland is taught, it is often called 'Frontier Wars' however, from the perspective of First Nations peoples, these events were more often massacres as opposed to battles. It was a 'War' that many did not know was occurring until they were faced with the reality of it.



# Exhibitions



## **‘The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons’ School tour**

Free

Until 22 August

10am–11am, 11am–12pm, 12pm–1pm,  
1pm–2pm

Discover the remarkable story of the Kalkadoon people’s resilience and survival - a powerful tribute to the enduring strength of culture to heal both land and people.

# Exhibitions



## ‘The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons’ [virtual tour](#)

Connect online with the remarkable story of the Kalkadoon people’s resilience and survival - a powerful tribute to the enduring strength of culture to heal both land and people.





## A conversation with Colleen Sam, Kalkadoon (Kalkadunga) artist and storyteller (Year 6-10)

### **Schools 'Live at the Library' workshop**

- Live-streamed via Teams
- Thur 17 July, 1–1:50pm
- Wed 20 Aug, 2-2:50pm





### Extraordinary stories

Stories worth telling. Stories worth hearing.  
Stories worth collecting.

[Exhibition info](#)



### Talbot Family Treasures Wall

Explore a changing selection of items from  
State Library's heritage collections.

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# Stories from the collection

[Art, culture and history lovers  
can explore ever-changing  
exhibitions and showcases,  
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## Explore topics



First Nations cultures



Children and families



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Reading, writing and ideas

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