



# THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES / ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PARTICIPATION: PARKHURST APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

Year 5 Student Pre-Visit Resource

## RESEARCH ACTIVITY: THE OLD COURT HOUSE

### Instructions

Go to the Law Society of Western Australia website and read through the information on the [Old Court House Law Museum](#). Click on 'read more' under History of the Old Court House, read through the information and complete the table below by adding the year that matches each event.

Year	Event
	The Old Court House was constructed.
	The Old Court House was opened.
	The trial of John Gaven took place in the Old Court House.
	A meeting was held at the Old Court House on 23 February to decide if convicts should be brought to WA.
	England allowed West Australians to have their own representative government.
	The Old Court House was listed as a Heritage Site.

## LANGUAGE OF THE LAW

### Instructions:

1. Your teacher will call out twenty four words and phrases.
2. Twelve of them are legal words/phrases and the other twelve are not legal words/phrases (others) .
3. Put the legal words/phrases and the non-legal words/phrases in the correct column.
4. Check your list with a partner and then with the class.

LEGAL	OTHERS



## Parkhurst Prison<sup>3</sup>

4. Where is Parkhurst Prison?

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5. Make some notes on the early history of Parkhurst Prison.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you think the Parkhurst boys felt about being transported to Australia or New Zealand from England? Explain with reasons.

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2. Do you think the Parkhurst Apprenticeship Scheme reflects the key values of Australian democracy such as freedom, equality, fairness and justice?

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3. Wikipedia, *HM Prison Parkhurst* <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkhurst\\_\(HM\\_Prison\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkhurst_(HM_Prison))>.

## POINTS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOUR VISIT TO THE FBLEP

Think about the correct answers to the points below before you visit the FBLEP. You will review your answers after your visit to the FBLEP.



### INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the sentences below and mark them True or False.

	True	False
1. The Old Court House is the oldest building in the City of Perth.		
2. The Old Court House was built by convicts.		
3. Convicts were people who wanted to come to Australia to find work.		
4. Convicts first arrived in WA in 1829.		
5. Aboriginal Peoples lived in WA and had their own law before the arrival of British people.		
6. British people lived under traditional Aboriginal law when they arrived in WA.		
7. In the early days of the colony, boys as young as 10 who broke the law in England were sent to work in Western Australia.		
8. The Old Court House had other functions as well as being a court house.		
9. Only European people could be tried at the Old Court House.		
10. Children and adults were tried at the Old Court House.		

Write down a question you have about the Old Court House that you might like to ask the Education Officers during your visit.

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