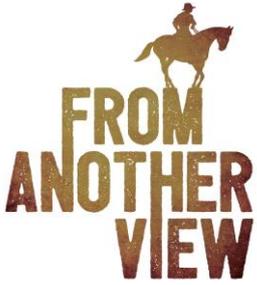




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John Forrest's 1874 trek from Geraldton to Adelaide Exhibition Guide for Educators

From Another View is an exhibition of a project created by the State Library of Western Australia in partnership with the Minderoo Foundation. This project considers the legacy of John Forrest's 1874 trek in shaping Australian exploration history.

In 1874, John Forrest led a team from Geraldton to Adelaide on a six-month journey to explore the 'true nature' of the Western Australian interior.

In 2018, Bill Gannon and our project team embarked on a journey engaging with communities in Yamaji Country, the Western Desert and Ngaanyatjarra Lands to explore First Peoples connections to the lands travelled by Forrest and his team.

This guide aims to help you engage your students with the exhibition. Bear in mind we each bring our own personal perspectives to the experience of an exhibition.



Jennifer, Papulankutja (Blackstone) Ranger, Ngaanyatjarra Lands

Before your visit

- Visit <https://fromanotherview.blog/>
Use the maps to visualise the path of the trek and discuss the distances travelled. Find the Google map by clicking the 'research' button.
- Explore the different language groups located along the path of the trek. You can use the map provided by First Languages Australia, <https://gambay.com.au/>
Students can select one of the languages and research traditions and make a 5 or 10-word illustrated dictionary.
- Who were John and Alexander Forrest?
Ask students to find information on these significant West Australians in their school and local library. Search for information using online resources such as the Australian Dictionary of Biography and Trove. When did they live? Why are they significant? How are they commemorated? Students can design a quiz or Kahoot about John and Alexander Forrest.
- Australia's biodiversity - select an area along the path of the trek and research some of the plants and animals that live there. Describe the habitat.



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In the exhibition space

- Divide into small groups with an adult helper. Explore the exhibition and use the footprint questions to assist with engaging with the panels and seek out details.
- Ask students to look closely at each panel and discuss their responses with their peers and/or adult helper.
- Spend time with the map. What are the differences between looking at a map on a screen and looking at the large-scale printed map?
- Find references to the Aboriginal guides, Tommy Pierre and Tommy Windich. Discuss their contribution to the success of the expedition.
- How do the art works made on Country make you feel? Do you think the art reveals signs or effects of the exploration?

Reflecting on the exhibition

- What did you learn about the skills Aboriginal people practice while living on Country?
- What skills did the explorers have that helped them survive?
- Discuss the effects of colonial exploration on the lives of the people living on Country. What ongoing impacts affect the people living on Country?
- What else can you find out about inland Australia?

Recommended websites:

- State Library of Western Australia catalogue www.slwa.wa.gov.au/
- From Another View online fromanotherview.blog/
- Storylines storylines.slwa.wa.gov.au/welcome
- John Forrest, Western Australia and Federation www.slwa.wa.gov.au/federation/fed/010_fore.htm
- List of Resources associated with 1874 expedition fromanotherview.blog/research/resources/
- John and Alexander Forrest exploration diaries of the search for Ludwig Leichhardt, 1869 and expedition into Central Australia, 1874. purl.slwa.wa.gov.au/slwa_b5527087_646
- Forrest, J. (1847-1918) *Explorations in Australia: I-Explorations in search of Dr. Leichardt [sic.] and party. II-From Perth to Adelaide, around the Great Australian Bight. III-From Champion Bay across the desert to the Telegraph and to Adelaide, with an appendix on the condition of Western Australia* (Call number: 994 FOR – FOR USE IN SLWA). Available online at gutenberg.net.au/ebooks/e00051.html
- Australian Dictionary of Biography adb.anu.edu.au/
- Trove trove.nla.gov.au/
- Atlas of Living Australia www.ala.org.au/