

AT 1 Documentary Exercise

1,000-word essay

Due Monday 4 April, 8 pm – submitted online in the Assignments section of the AIH107 Cloud site.

Your first task requires your analysis of two documents relating primarily to *Week 3, Unfree Labor in the Age of Empire*.

The two documents are both found online.

The first, from North Carolina in the United States, is a [Sharecropper's Contract from 1882](#).

The second, written in South Australia but focused on Queensland in Australia, is extracts of, and commentary on, a book on [‘The Kanaka’ by clergyman, Reverend William Gray, from 1895](#).

Your task consists of two parts.

1. Tell us how the documents help explain the meaning of ‘unfree labour’. Explain how the documents help us to understand how entrenched the system of unfree labour was in parts of world, such as Queensland and North Carolina, in the late nineteenth century. How do these documents enable us to better understand who benefited from the practice of unfree labour and why they resisted changing it? (approximately 700 words)
2. Considering the second document, and drawing on at least two further reading and/or other audio and audiovisual resources, outline briefly how the legacy of ‘Blackbirding’ in Queensland has left legacies that remain unresolved today. (approximately 300 words)

You should write in the format of short essay. This also means that you should provide footnotes to your sources and include a Bibliography, listing the sources you used, at the end. By way of guide to Footnoting and Bibliography in the Oxford style used in the discipline of History, please see this [Deakin Guide to Oxford](#). You should also download this Guide for future reference.