

Elmer's Letters: Archival Research (9-12)

This program introduces students to historical research in our Archives Research Room. Students will learn about Elmer Oswald's experience as a pilot during WWII through the letters he sent home. Working hands-on with archival documents, students will discuss the benefits and limitations of primary and secondary sources. Students will practise critical thinking skills in their analysis of the reliability/credibility of sources based on inherent bias, purpose, and proximity to events.

BC Curriculum Connections

Grade 9 Social Studies

- Local, regional, and global conflicts

Grade 10 Social Studies

- International conflicts and co-operation

Grade 12 20th Century World History

- Global conflicts, including World War II
- Communication and transportation technologies