

A HOME NOW AND THEN

HASS

How are homes today similar and different to homes in the past?

Students will:

- Identify similarities and differences between a colonial home and their own home.
- Consider how names of places can be important to people and connect them to their past.

ENGAGE

- What does your home look like?
- What are some things you really like about your house?

EXPLORE

Show students a photo of Culham farm.

- What do you notice?
- Why might it be so?



EXPLAIN

- The house in the photo belonged to Samuel Pole Phillips, who came to Toodyay from England in the 1830s.
- Phillips planned to work as a minister, but decided to give that up and become a horsebreeder instead.
- He bought some land in Toodyay, and called it 'Culham', after his family home in England.
- He married Sophia Roe, who was one of the first non-Aboriginal children to be born in Western Australia.
- Although facing hardships associated with a new colony, Samuel and Sophia tried to live like traditional English gentry, for example going hunting, having a carriage and doing a lot of entertaining.

Show students some examples of [traditional English drawing \(living\) rooms](#) .

EXTEND

Show students the inside of Culham farm. Using the template provided or an [online interactive](#), get students to complete a Venn diagram comparing the Phillips drawing room to their own living room at home.

Discuss:

- Why do you think Samuel chose to call his home 'Culham'?
- Does your home have a name? If not, what name would you give it?



EVALUATE AND REFLECT

What would be the positives and negatives of living in a house like 'Culham'?

WANT TO DO MORE?

- Draw what a living room might look like in the future.
- Drawing rooms were places where visitors often came for tea. Find out how to make 'proper English tea' and role play a tea party.
- Discuss: Who did Samuel buy his block of land from? Samuel liked hunting – what did he hunt? How might Aboriginal people who lived in the area have felt about hunting parties on their land? What did Aboriginal homes look like at the time?



Culham Farm, 19th Century.

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Samuel Pole Philps and Sophia Phillips in the drawing room in Culham.

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Living room then

Living room now

