

*Trading Stories: Conversations With Six Pioneering Tradesmen* is an exhibition featuring the old trades in Singapore and how these tradesmen have coped with the challenges since Singapore achieved nationhood. The exhibition will shed light on some of Singapore's old trades through their personal stories.

< for Primary School Students >

**This Activity Sheet Belongs to**

---

**Of Class**

---



Education and  
Community Outreach Division



# A PRE - VISIT

Before visiting the exhibition, write down your thoughts here!

**What do you think the *Trading Stories* Exhibition is about?**

I think it is about

**What do you hope to learn from the exhibition?**

I hope to learn about

**How do you feel about visiting this exhibition? Why?**

Guess who am I  
and the things I do!





# **B** MIX AND MATCH

The trades in the exhibition originate from early Singapore's history. Some of these trades are no longer seen in modern day Singapore, while others have changed over time. Match the pictures of the trades on the left to the names on the right!

## Trades

## Names



cobbler



Rickshaw Puller



Puppet Maker and Seller



Pushcart Hawker



# CHANGE

Below are some occupations of the past. These occupations have evolved over time. Name the new occupations that have replaced the occupations from the past.

**Past**

**Present**



Movie poster painter



Samsui Women



Poultry farmers

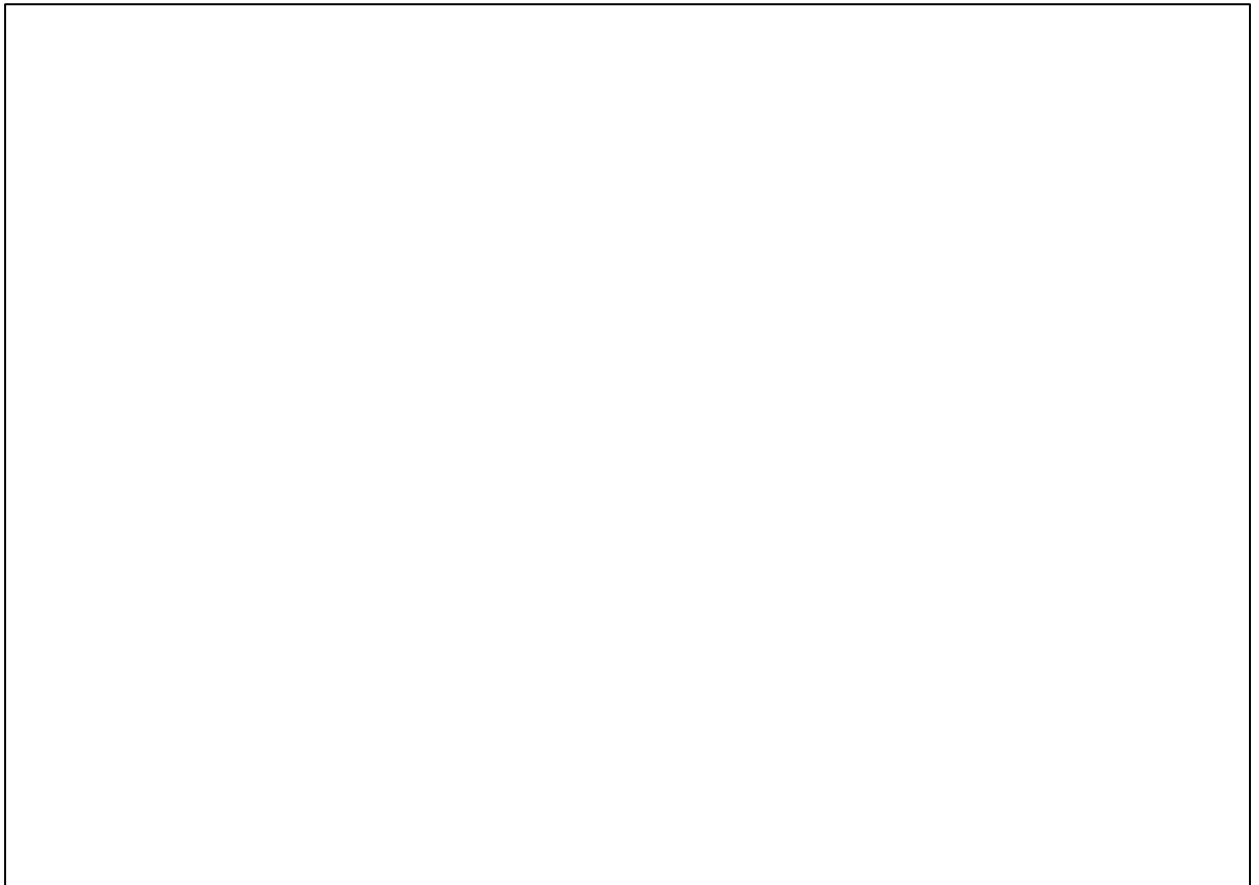


# D THE SIX TRADESMEN

In the past, many of the trades present were labour intensive trades that required a lot of physical work, like that of the *Samsui* women, Indian goldsmiths, movie poster painters and many others.



Imagine you are a movie poster painter, draw your version of the Fire on the Great Wall Poster in the space below!



What does 'labour intensive trade' mean?

Labour intensive trade refers to jobs which require a lot of work and workers to a produce the goods or services



# **E** PRESERVE THIS!

Singapore has progressed into a fast-paced and modern country and many of these old trades have been replaced by advanced technologies.

Imagine you are working in the government and you are given the choice to preserve one trade shown in this exhibition, which trade would you choose?

The trade I would like to preserve is \_\_\_\_\_.

I think this trade is important because...

If I am working in the government, I will help to preserve this trade by...



*What is the meaning of the word 'preserve'?*

*Preserve means to maintain something in its original or existing state*



# D WORD BANK

Pick out 10 new words from the exhibition panel and find out what they mean!

Words	Meaning
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	



# FOLD THIS!

Follow the steps below to create your own *Samsui* Woman's Hat!



**Step 1:** Fold the top down by 5cm.



**Step 2:** Turn the paper over. Fold both corners in to meet at the centre of the paper.

**Step 3:** Fold the wings in.



**Step 4:** Fold the top to approximately 1/3 way down to the bottom of the paper.



**Step 5:** Fold in the bottom of the paper.



**Step 6:** Bend the bottom flap over the top fold.



**Step 7:** Staple the bottom flap to the top fold.



**TA-DA... now you have your very own *Samsui* Woman's hat too!**







# F MY REFLECTIONS

Good values are learned through life, and good character is nurtured through the experience that one goes through in life. The 6 tradesmen featured in this series of exhibition each has their own good virtues that we can learn from.



List down any four values you learnt from this exhibition.

---

---

Have you also displayed any of these values in your life? Write down two examples where you have shown the values.

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

---

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

---