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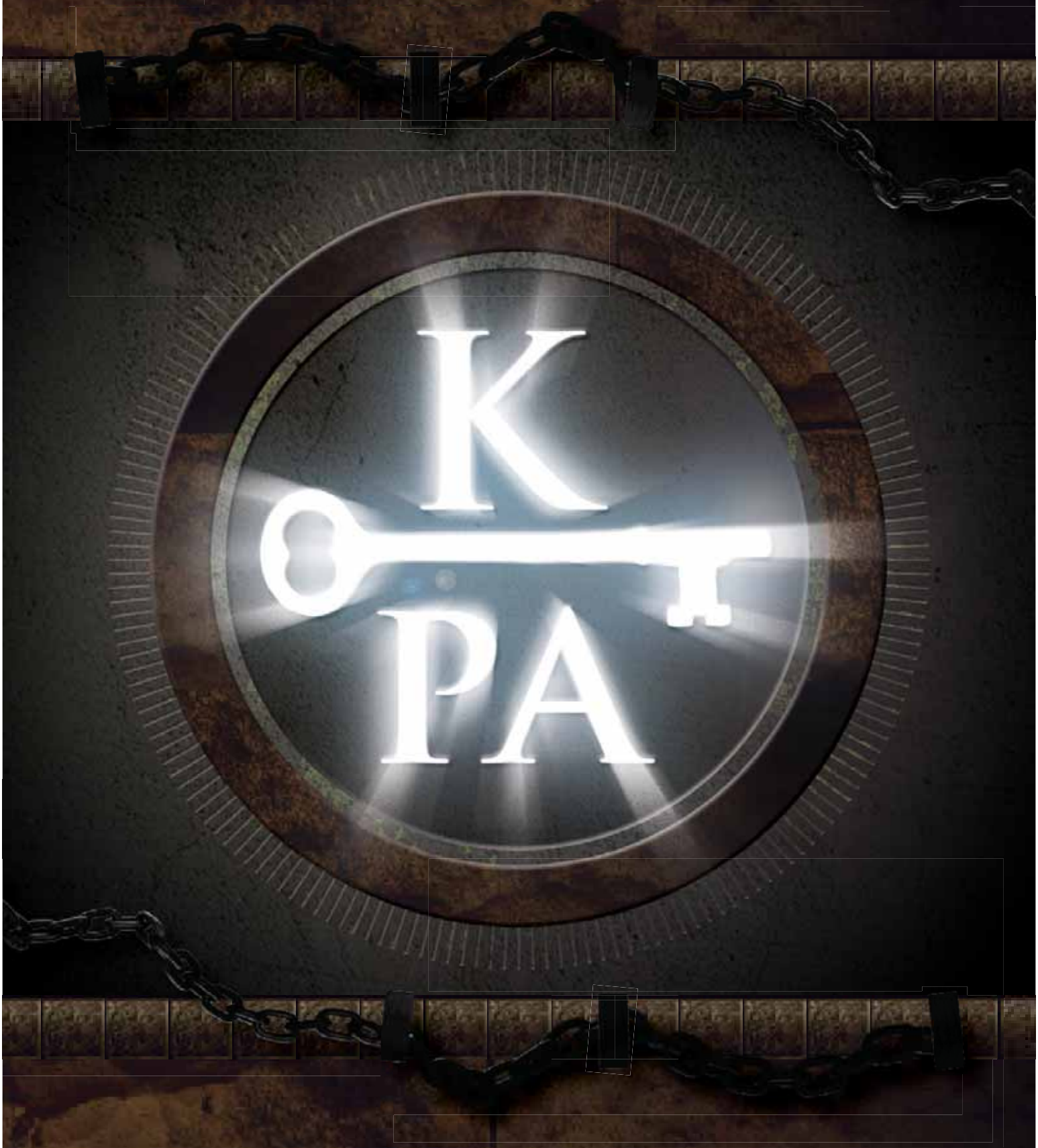

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Introduction

KPA Investigations is a rich multimedia education program for middle-school students of all abilities. The program allows students to select a key life from Port Arthur and follow that life through a series of tasks. The program is entertaining and interactive, with over an hour of video images and 100 pages of research material. In addition to this CD-ROM, the program is backed up by:

1. A dedicated and integral website www.keyportarthur.org.au
2. Access to the Port Arthur Education Officer and the resources of Port Arthur.

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The program Overview:

- An integrated learning unit focusing on the research of effective middle years learning (MYRAD, MYPAD)
- Designed on a thinking hierarchy (New Blooms Taxonomy L.W., D.R. Krathwohl, et al., Eds. (2001))
- Allows learners to select activities that represent Gardner's multiple intelligences (1991)
- Makes explicit links between the Port Arthur Historic Site and contemporary society – generating and enhancing life skills and competencies for the development of highly effective 21st century citizens as identified by Cogan and Derricott (2000)
- Selects, with the aid of a student/teacher conference, appropriate indicators of learning
- Insists that students reflect on their learning
- Provides resources, links and scaffolding to assist students and teachers to complete their unit of work.

Technical Requirements

- CD-ROM drive
- 256 Mb RAM
- PC/Mac compatible
- Windows 98 / OS9 or later
- Adobe Acrobat Reader

For more information:

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Key to Port Arthur CD-ROM

Educational Theory

- New Blooms
- Gardner
- Middle Years
- Scaffolding

Educational Resources

- 71 Short Films
- 56 Investigations
- 42 Overarching Issues
- Primary Sources
- Secondary Sources

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ASSESSMENT

- INDIVIDUALISED VELS INDICATORS OF LEARNING
- INDIVIDUALISED TASMANIAN CURRICULUM LEARNING INDICATORS
- LIFE SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES RUBRIC
- EXCURSION RESOURCES

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- STUDENT RESOURCES
- TEACHER RESOURCES
- STUDENT SHOW CASE
- STUDENT TEACHER CONFERENCE
- INDIVIDUALISED ASSESSMENT RUBRICS

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CD-ROM

Step 1

Student chooses a key life.

Step 2

Student selects an investigation.

Step 3

Student chooses one overarching issue.

Website

Step 4

Student and teacher select learning outcomes together.

Step 5

Student and teacher use website for:

- Case summaries
- Learning outcomes
- Planning guides
- Resources
- Publishing work
- Contact with Port Arthur Education Officer

Creating and Reflecting

Step 6

Student develops their investigation and overarching issue. Self selected assessment rubrics, of learning, for learning and as learning completed by student, teacher and peers throughout.

Presentation

Step 7

Student work presented for assessment to peers, teacher and guests. The Port Arthur Historic Site provides an extraordinary platform for presentation. The Education Officer will facilitate the presentations on site and/or on the KPA Investigations website wherever possible.

A REAL-TIME INTERACTIVE JOURNEY

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The three fundamental elements of the KPA Investigations Learning Programs are:

1. Multimedia CD-ROM
2. KPA Investigations dedicated and integral website www.keyportarthur.org.au
3. Access to the Port Arthur Education Officer and the resources of Port Arthur.

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