

HERITAGE

ACTIVITY SHEET 2

SINGAPORE'S ONLY PRESERVED COASTAL FORT!

At Fort Siloso, you will discover the wonders of a historical British fort, and learn about the history of Singapore during World War II. Explorers to uncover the past of Fort Siloso through its preserved buildings, gun collection, and walking trails.



WHAT DOES
"SILOSO" MEAN?

The name **SILOSO** came from a medicinal plant called **SELUSUH** which was used traditionally by Malay women during childbirth. It is believed that they could be found and used by the local settlers here.

WAVES OF THE STRAITS

Explore the historical timeline and legends of the Singapore Straits, the seas between Sentosa and the mainland, through a series of paintings on the walls, road and rocks at the "WAVES OF THE STRAITS".



CULTURAL EXCHANGES, THAT TOOK PLACE AMONG THE EARLY SETTLERS, ALLOWED FOR MULTICULTURALISM TO TAKE ROOT AND FLOURISH IN SINGAPORE.

FORT SILOSO WAS ONCE CALLED SARANG RIMAU (TIGER'S DEN).



TRADERS ON LARGE SHIPS BROUGHT GOODS FROM EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, CHINA AND INDIA. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM?

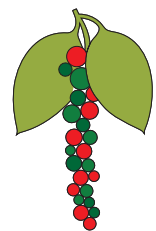
ORANG LAUT FISHING VILLAGES WERE LOCATED ALL ALONG OUR SHORES.

IT'S COLOURING TIME!

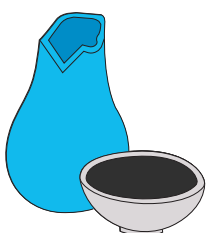
Let's see if you can find the right colours for these commonly traded goods.



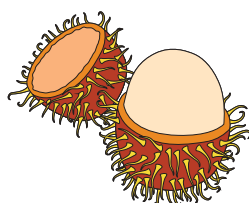
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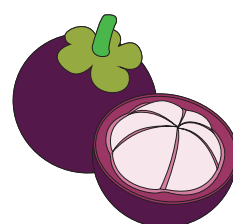
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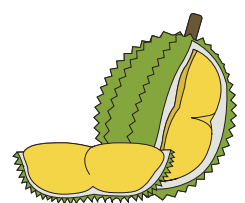
ARTIFACTS



RAMBUTAN



MANGOSTEEN



DURIAN

GUN TRAIL

FORT SILOSO has the largest collection of guns in Singapore. You will get to see guns in all shapes and sizes collected from different parts of Sentosa and Singapore.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

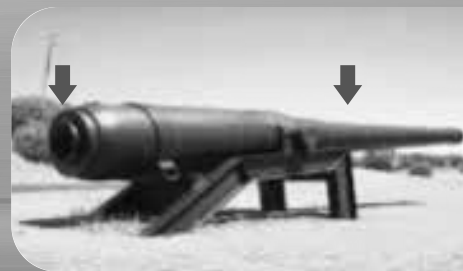
There were powerful guns positioned at Fort Siloso to protect Singapore from enemy attacks by sea! Did you know that the guns were named based on the width of the gun muzzle or weight of the ammunition shell they used?

COMPARE THE TWO PICTURES BELOW: CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCES?



Answers:

- Ammunition shells were loaded from the front of the gun barrel.
- Shorter gun barrel
- Older type, takes time to load from the front and short firing distance



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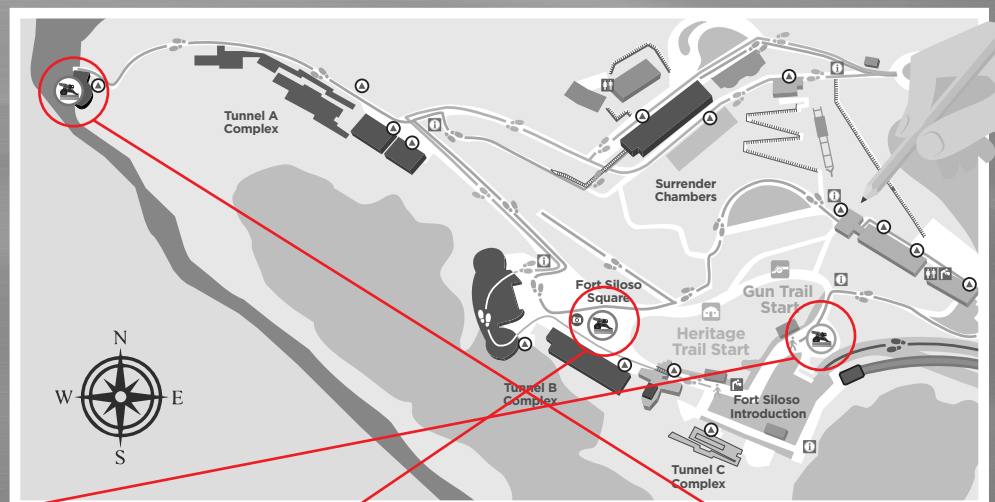
- Ammunition shells were loaded from the rear of the gun barrel.
- Longer gun barrel
- Upgraded, faster to load and long firing distance

RIFLED MUZZLE-LOADING ('RML') GUNS

BREECH-LOADING ('BL') GUNS

MATCHING ACTIVITY

A map is an important tool to a soldier! Study this map of Fort Siloso, find these guns and draw lines to the positions on the map.



GUN TRAIL START



FORT SILOSO SQUARE



FIRE DIRECTOR TOWER

7-INCH RML GUN (RIFLED MUZZLE LOADING)

9.2-INCH BL AND 8-INCH BL GUNS (BREECH LOADING)

12 POUNDER OF GUN (QUICK FIRING)

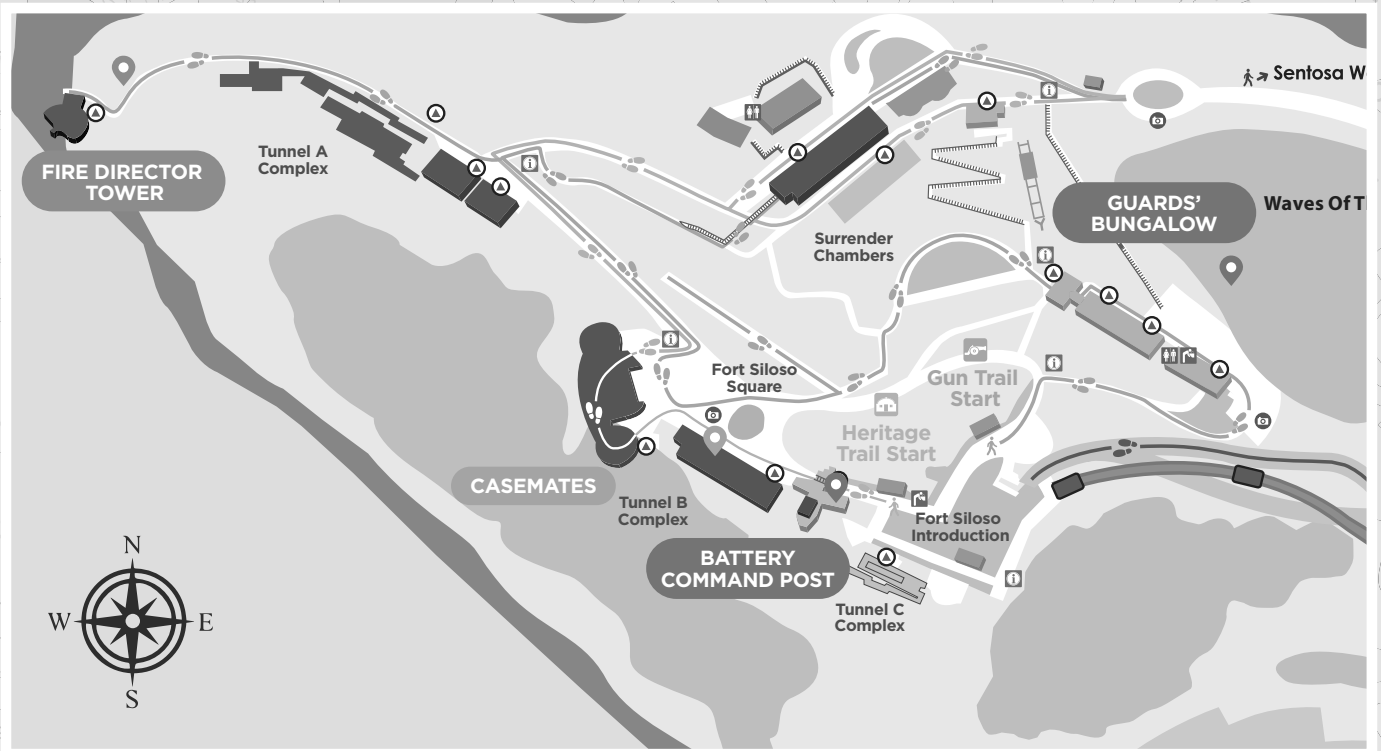
HERITAGE TRAIL

The heritage buildings left behind are kept in its original form since 1880s and are still strong today. Walking through the trail, we can learn a lot of lessons by just looking at how the buildings were being constructed.



NAME THE BUILDINGS ACTIVITY

Identify the four buildings on the map with their name.



CASEMATES



**FIRE
DIRECTOR
TOWER**

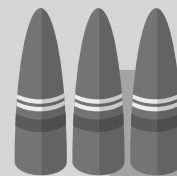


**BATTERY
COMMAND
POST**



**GUARDS'
BUNGALOW**

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE TUNNEL COMPLEX WAS USED FOR?



You may tick more than one answer



- ☒ FOR STORAGE PURPOSE
- ☒ FOR MOVING AROUND WITHOUT BEING SEEN BY THE ENEMY
- ☒ FOR PROTECTION FROM ENEMY ATTACK
- ☒ FOR SOLDIERS TO REST

How would you describe these tunnels?

COLD, HOT, DAMP, SMELLY, SMALL, TIGHT, SCARY, STALE AIR. (HOW THE SOLDIERS FELT A LONG AGO WHEN THEY WERE SERVING IN THE FORT. THE TUNNELS WERE VERY DARK TOO AS THERE WERE NO MODERN LIGHTINGS.)

Well done on completing this activity sheet! Let's try the next one about Fall of Singapore. Get ready to learn more about Singapore's history!