

George Anderson: suggested questions and activities

The following activities will help you to explore the topic of emigration from Scotland in more depth using the sources provided.

Advert: 'Argentine as a field of colonization', 1914

- What is the purpose of this source?
- What message does this source convey to prospective emigrants to Argentina?

Letter written by George Anderson, 1891

- According to this letter, what were some of the challenges of settling and working in Argentina at this time? Give examples from the source in your answer.
- Compare this source with the advert 'Argentine as a field of colonization'.
- According to this letter, what were some of the challenges of keeping in touch with friends and family in Scotland?

Letter written by George Anderson, 1897

- What reasons does George Anderson give for not writing regularly to his family in Scotland?
- Why did George Anderson's business partners decide to sell out?

Letter written by George Anderson, 1898

- According to this letter, what were some of the challenges of settling in Patagonia? Give examples from the source in your answer.

Photographs of Patagonia taken by George Anderson

- What does this collection of photographs convey about the life of the emigrant in Patagonia?