

John Salmond: 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.

Audio extracts - letter written by John Salmond, 1850

- According to John Salmond, what type of emigrant was most likely to succeed in the new settlement of Otago?

Otago Journal: 'Inducements to invest money in this undertaking', 1848

- What does this source suggest were the main advantages to emigrants of investing in the Otago colony?
- The purpose of the Otago Journal was to actively encourage emigration. Do you think that this extract promotes this aim? Give reasons for your answer.

Otago Journal: 'Description of the first party of settlers to Otago', 1848

- The purpose of the Otago Journal was to actively encourage emigration. Do you think that this extract promotes this aim? Give reasons for your answer.
- According to this source, what type of person was selected to emigrate to Otago? Provide evidence from the Journal to support your answer.
- Which three professional men, or 'officials', accompanied the emigrants on their journey, and why?
- Read the last paragraph of this extract. According to this source, what were the intended aims of settling the Otago district of New Zealand?