| Subject / Field | Topic | Themes | Genealogy SA Records | Example Questions |
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| Sociology | Crime | Social justice  Social history | Convict  Destitute  Crime | * Did the punishment fit the crime? * How has the justice system changed over time? * What was the Destitute Asylum and what replaces it now? |
| Genealogy | Personal Interest | Genealogy  Myths & legends  Historical events  Secrets | All records | * Who was the Black Sheep in my family? * Researching my family history back 3, 4, 5 generations. * Where did my family come from and why did they come to Australia? * Is there a “lost” family member in my family tree? |
| Anthropology | Deaths Births | Culture | BDM  Photographs  Books | * How have birth and death ceremonies / commemorations changed over time? * How has the design of gravestones changed over time? * Do different religions have conventions for gravestones? |
| Genealogy | Genealogy | Technology  Information age  Privacy  Future | On-line databases | * Genealogy- will it have a future in the digital age? * What digital records/systems does a genealogist use to trace and record their family? * How will social media impact family history research? * Is online family history information credible, reliable, ethical and accessible? |
| History | Women | Poverty  Justice  Misogyny  Welfare | Destitute  BDM  Convict  Shipping | * Poverty, prostitution and punishment: discrimination, and punishment in the South Australian Colony. * Who were the suffragettes and for what were they responsible? * Did gender play a role in the way personal information was recorded and used? |
| Culture | Names | Identity  Fashion trends | BDM | * What are the popular first names of today/50 year ago/100 years ago and what have influenced the changes in naming trends? * What names have survived the test of time? * Do different CALD communities have different naming patterns or conventions? * What does my name mean? |
| Culture | Heraldry  Art | Heraldry  Culture  Class  Privilege  History | Heraldry | * What is heraldry and is it still practiced? * Design and submit your own heraldic design to the College of Arms - (est. 1484), headed by the Garter Principal King of Arms, under the general jurisdiction of the Earl Marshal – or the equivalent authority associated with your ethnic background. |
| History | Refugees | History  Economics  Law  War  Displacement  Social Justice | Shipping  Family histories  Migration | * Is the arrival of refugees in Australia a new phenomenon? * What caused the different refugee migration patterns? * Over the years how has the community reacted to refugees? * European settlers, the original boat people: An indigenous perspective |
| History | Migration | Persecution / racism  Economics  War  Religion | Shipping  Family histories  Migration | * Did your family migrate to Australia? When? Why? How? * What attitudes have existed in Australia regarding migration? * How have migrants experienced their emigration to Australia? |
| Science | DNA | Science  Diseases  Crime  Ethics | DNA Research information | * What does your DNA tell you about you and your family? * How are genealogists using DNA? What are your family traits? |
| ICT / Programming | Data management | ICT  Research methods |  | * What processes could Genealogy SA use to manage and publish the millions of records it holds? |
| History | Military | War service  Home front  Aftermath  Technology | Military  BDM  Nominal Roll WWI  Australian War Memorial | * How has the experience of soldiers changed through Australia’s history of military service? * Write the biography of a family member who served in the military. * Based on diary reports, what weapons did soldiers most fear on the battlefield? |
| Genealogy | Personal interest | Fame  Historical events | All | * Am I related to famous people? * Research a famous / infamous South Australian |
| Health | Public Health  Disease management | Health  Social Justice | Hospital  Destitute Asylum  Lunatic (sic) Asylum | * What can we learn from the historical RAH records and current Dept. of Health publications? * How have antibiotics impacted public health? * What are the three most important public health initiatives to have taken place in SA and why are they important? |
| Culture | Changing names | Ethics  Racism  Refugees  Enemy aliens | Newspapers  Town / community histories | * Why do people change their names? * What impact did WWI have on the names used by people and for towns in SA? * Who was interned as an enemy alien in Australia and what was their experience? |
| ICT | Information | Privacy  Social Networking |  | * Fingerprints, Families and Web-prints: What traces are left behind? * Online personal information: Who should have access and who does have access? * What is a signature and for what is it used? |
| Art | Photography | Culture | Books  Photographic records | * Use the Genealogy SA records to examine fashion trends. * How have family photos evolved over time? What has changed? |
| Economics | Occupations | Labour  Industrialisation  Unionism  IR Law | BDM  Family histories  Books | * What trends can be identified in various occupational records? |