

Activity 7

Create your own document

Documents come in all shapes and sizes. The Treaty of Edinburgh/Northampton is rectangular and quite large. The Douglas Warrant is much smaller. Centuries ago, records were also created in scroll form where lengths of parchment or vellum were stitched together to produce long rolls that extended for metres. An example of this type of record is an Exchequer Roll that was created by the royal treasury to record what items and services were bought to run, furnish and repair the royal palaces and how much they cost.



Treaty of Edinburgh/Northampton
NAS: SP6/1



Douglas Warrant: NAS: SP6/11



Exchequer Roll: NAS: E38/306

Activity

Decide on the following:

Format

- Which kind of document will you make?
- What size will it be?
- Will it have seals attached using tags?
- Will it have signatures at the bottom?

Content ideas

- copy a set of school rules onto long rolls of paper
- record an important school award
- issue a proclamation advertising a school event

Design

- make sure it can be read
- use a variety of colours and lettering to give your document impact

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