



**#1792PROJECT**  
BLACK LOYALISTS VOYAGE  
15 SHIPS TO SIERRA LEONE

History Made Visible through the Arts

Dear Teachers,

#1792Project invites you and your students to a unique creative opportunity celebrating Black Loyalists history, particularly the voyage of 15 Ships from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Freetown, Sierra Leone. This is the 232nd anniversary of this journey and together we will bring this history to life through art on March 6, 2024 at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

We are excited that this workshop will be led by local artist, [Boma Nnaji](#) who states his artistic mission is to express the beauty of humanity and human achievement through his paintings. Born in coastal West Africa in 1980, Boma took to drawing at an early age, even before he could write and was quickly drawn to the art of comic books—which he spent time creating many volumes of his own superhero tales. Together students will be introduced to his unconventional and exciting expression of colour and style with a chance to create their own work according to their interpretation of one of the 6 selected themes.

In order **to attend this workshop** on **March 6, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax 10:00 - 12:30** (Groups arriving by 9:30 will be given a brief tour related to this Black History project):

- Students learn about and chose one of the following 6 themes.( Resources and links available [here](#). ) ahead of time in their classrooms. 1. The 15 Ships 2. Trades and Skills of the Black Loyalists departing 3. Landscapes of the Journey 4. Settlements in Nova Scotia and the Architecture of the times ( Birchtown, Halifax, Preston) etc. 5. Arrival and departure 6. Items on Board.
- Create preliminary sketches, brainstorming ideas, composition sketches in your classroom. 5 students with a teacher participate in the workshop bringing their drawing. These students can then return to the classroom and share the process of completing final art pieces with the rest of your students.

We are looking forward to your participation. #1792Project will supply all materials and we will have snacks available to fuel the flow of our young artists.

Please notify Principal Karen Hudson before the **registration deadline of February 23** at [KHudson@hrce.ca](mailto:KHudson@hrce.ca) of your participation.

Sincerely,

#1792Project Team

