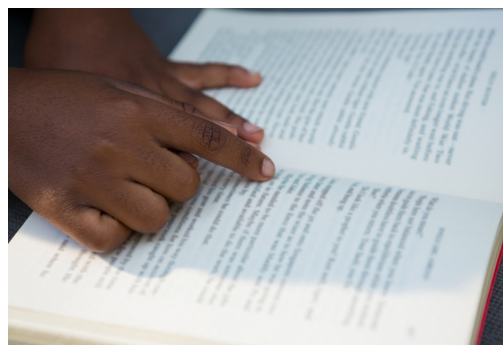


How to understand the content?

For all documents, it is important to understand who the author is and to take into account the context related to its draft. Archival documents were mostly written by Allochthonous people for Indigenous people. The portrayals within these documents therefore represent the personal perceptions of those who wrote them, that is, the perceptions stemming from encounters, practices and events they witnessed. In other words, it is an external view of the community, and therefore this documentary research cannot replace the knowledge of the people encountered during the project. The latter provide perspectives that are much more representative than those found among their community.



It is recommended to conduct research after a local consultation phase for two reasons. First, because the interviews and the various consultation activities provide more specific leads for research. Secondly, because the perspectives expressed in documentary sources may lead to a false perception that is not compliant with local historical perspectives.