

# Mock Trial Competition 2025

## Case Materials

### Round 4

## Alice Grey v Escape Leisure Pty Ltd

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## **Alice Grey v Escape Leisure Pty Ltd**

### **Introduction**

This is a civil case in which the Plaintiff, Alice Grey, seeks to recover the cost of a holiday taken in Hispaniola during the height of a civil uprising. The Plaintiff alleges that she took the holiday in reliance upon 3 things: a poster displayed in a travel agent's window, a travel brochure found at the travel agent's office and oral assurances as well as a failure to warn.

The Defendant, Escape Leisure Pty Ltd, alleges that it was not negligent, that they made no representations and that, in any event, the Plaintiff did not act in reliance on any advice given by the defendant, directly or indirectly.

### **Assumptions to be made for this case (by judges and student teams)**

In this Mock Trial, students teams and mock trial judges are asked to assume:

- The below outline is also the order of appearance of each witness.
- The preferred pronouns of each witness are fixed in order to ensure consistency in the use of pronouns of that character for both sides of all trials within the round.
- Students playing the part of a witness are to adopt the preferred pronouns applicable to that witness, as set out in the material for each round.

### **Case Materials**

The Plaintiff and Defendant teams each receive the same copy of the Case Materials which are comprised of:

1. Legal Notes
2. Statement of Claim
3. Defence
4. Statement of Alice Grey (female)
5. Statement of Lewis Miller (male)
6. Statement of Esmeralda Brunetti (female)
7. Statement of Mikhail Gorbachenski (male)
8. Documents disclosed by the parties during these proceedings (explained below).

## **Documents disclosed by the parties**

In this mock trial, there are a number of documents which have been produced by the parties during the proceedings to date as and by way of disclosure.

Those documents include:

### Documents disclosed by the Plaintiff

9. A travel brochure to Hispaniola (attached to these materials and marked “P1”); and
10. An article about Lin-Manuel Miranda in Hispaniola (attached to these materials and marked “P2”).

### Documents disclosed by the Defendant

11. A travel poster attached to these materials and marked “D1”); and
12. A printout of Google search results with the search term “Hispaniola” (attached to these materials and marked “D2”).

## **Note to Student Teams about the documents**

It is up to the students to decide whether any or all of the documents should be tendered as evidence in the proceedings. Questions for student teams to consider may include – Is a document relevant to proving or disproving an issue in fact? Do I need the document in evidence?

If students consider the document to be relevant, then the student barristers who would be do the opening address are encouraged to confer (discuss) with their opponent student barrister one the night prior to the mock trial hearing to find out if the document can be tendered into evidence by consent (i.e. do both parties agree that the document can be tendered into evidence. It is anticipated this conferral would be undertaken on the night of the mock trial hearing when both teams have set up in the courtroom just before the hearing itself starts).

If both teams student barristers agree, then in the housekeeping stage of mock trial, the student barrister seeking to tender it should inform the judge that that both sides have conferred and consent for the document to be tendered by consent and respectfully request the judge to do so. It is up to the judge to decide if they are happy to tender it at that stage or how they otherwise want to deal with it. If there is any doubt, the student barristers should seek clarification from the judge on the night as to how that judge would prefer to deal with it.

If one side does not agree, then the student barrister who seeks to tender it into evidence, should tender it into evidence during the questioning of the relevant witness (as would normally happen in a criminal round of the mock trial competition).

## Legal Notes

Please note that for the purpose of the Competition the “law” is as contained in this section of the Case Materials and the [Manual](#) and is the only matter of law to be relied on.

The “law” as stated below has been modified and adapted to facilitate the Competition meeting its educational objectives. It is expected and required that students do not go beyond the legal notes in these case materials when presenting their legal arguments in the mock trial.

### Extracts from Case Law

In the English case of *Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd* [1963] 2 AU E.R. 575 Lord Reid said (at 583)

*"A reasonable man, knowing that he was being trusted or that his skill and judgment were being relied on, would, I think, have three courses open to him. He could keep silent or decline to give the information or advice sought: or he could give an answer with the clear qualification that he accepted no responsibility for it or that it was given without that reflection or inquiry which a careful answer would require: or he could simply answer the question without any such qualification. If he chooses to adopt the last course he must, I think, be held to have accepted some responsibility for his answer being given carefully, or to have accepted a relationship with the inquirer which requires him to exercise such care as the circumstances demand."*

This view was accepted in Australia by the High Court in *MLC v Evatt*, 122 C.L.R. 556 although on appeal to the Privy Council that Court restricted liability to negligent statements made by people who were in the business of giving that type of advice.

Liability should be, *"restricted to advisers who carry on the business or profession of giving advice of the kind sought and to advice given by them in the course of that business."* . As per Lords Hodson, Guest and Diplock in *MLC v Evatt* 122 CLR 628 at 639.

In *MLC v Evatt* (1968) 122 C.L.R. 556 it was said:

*"First of all, I think the circumstances must be such as to have caused the speaker, or be calculated to cause a reasonable person in the position of the speaker, to realise that he is being trusted by the recipient of the information or advice, to give information which the recipient believes the speaker to possess or to which the speaker believes the recipient to have access"*

*or to give advice, about a matter upon or in respect of which the recipient believes the speaker to possess a capacity of opportunity for judgment, in either case the subject matter of the information or advice being of a serious or business nature."* per Barwick CJ at 571.

In *J.E.B. Fasteners v Marks Bloom & Co* [1983] 1 All ER 583 Stephenson LJ said:

*"The representation must be false, and it must induce the plaintiff to act on it to his detriment. .... He may, of course, rely on other things as well. But as long as the misrepresentation plays a real and substantial part, though not by itself a decisive part, in inducing the plaintiff to act, it is a cause of his loss and he relies on it, no matter how strong or how many are the other matters which play their part in inducing him to act."*

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA  
HELD AT PERTH  
BETWEEN**

**No. 726 of 2024**

**ALICE GREY**

**Plaintiff**

**AND**

**ESCAPE LEISURE PTY LIMITED**

**Defendant**

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**STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

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Date of Document:	1 May 2024
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1. The Defendant is a corporation registered in Western Australia.
  2. At all material times the Defendant carried on business as a travel agent and held itself out as having skill and experience in advising members of the public as to suitable travel destinations.
  3. On the 12th February, 2023 the Plaintiff sought the advice of an employee of the Defendant at its premises at George Street, Spring Crossing as to a suitable holiday destination.
  4. The Defendant, by means of a travel brochure and a poster in the premise window, represented that Hispaniola was a suitable holiday travel destination (“the representations”).
  5. Each of the Representations was untrue and was made negligently.

**PARTICULARS**

- a) Hispaniola was not suitable as a holiday destination as the Defendant well knew because:
  - b) Hispaniola was a country in the midst of a war;
  - c) Persons living in or visiting Hispaniola were in constant danger of being killed; and
  - d) Persons living in or visiting Hispaniola had no easy access to the basic necessities of life including food, water and shelter.
- 6. Further, the Plaintiff specifically sought the advice of an employee of the Defendant as to the suitability of Hispaniola as a holiday travel destination but the said employee negligently failed to warn the Plaintiff that Hispaniola was not a suitable holiday travel destination by reason of a civil uprising in that country.
- 7. The Plaintiff booked and undertook a holiday in Hispaniola in reliance on the negligent representations and advice of the Defendant.
- 8. As a result of the Defendant's representations the Plaintiff suffered the loss and damage.

**Particulars of Damage**

- a) Costs of holiday: \$20,000
- b) Medivac and hospital costs: \$64,000
- c) Total: \$84,000

AND the Plaintiff claims:

- a) damages;
- b) interest pursuant to section 32 of the Supreme Court Act from 27 May 2023 to the date of judgment at the rate of 8 per cent per annum or at such other rate as this Honourable Court allows; and
- c) costs

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA  
HELD AT PERTH  
BETWEEN**

**ALICE GREY**

**Plaintiff**

**AND**

**ESCAPE LEISURE PTY LIMITED**

**Defendant**

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**DEFENCE**

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Date of Document:	10th May 2024
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1. The Defendant admits paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Statement of Claim.
  2. The Defendant denies each and every allegation in paragraphs 3 to 7 of the Statement of Claim and denies that it made any representation as alleged by the Plaintiff.
  3. Further, the Defendant says that if the representations alleged by the Plaintiff were made, then the Defendant did not rely on those representations as a basis for choosing to travel to Hispaniola.
  4. In so far as it is alleged that the plaintiff relied on the skill and judgment of the Defendant or its employee, the Defendant denies that allegation.
  5. The Defendant denies that the Plaintiff has suffered any loss as alleged and denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to any relief as claimed and denies the Plaintiff is entitled to any relief at all.

## STATEMENT OF ALICE GREY

1. I am 23 years old and currently studying music theatre at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA).
2. On my way to class, I regularly pass a travel agent at 162 George Street, Spring Crossing, called Escape Leisure (“the travel agency”). Over summer, I noticed a poster in their window that said "Looking for a tropical getaway without the crowds? The beautiful island of *Hispaniola is just what you need!*"
3. The poster had images on a beautiful tropical beach surrounded by mountains. I commented how beautiful it looked to my friend Lewis who agreed.
4. I had never heard of Hispaniola so I googled it. The first result that came up was from an article by Lin Manuel-Miranda, the famous Broadway star and songwriter. I am a huge fan of his.
5. In the article Lin said he was inspired to write his rap mix-tape (which later became his award-winning musical) after he read a biography about Alexander Hamilton while holidaying in Hispaniola.
6. On the 12th February, 2023 I went into the Travel Agency with Lewis and spoke to an employee who told me that Hispaniola

would be the perfect place to go for a restful holiday.

7. I remember the employee as he was quite rude and outlandishly dressed - not what you'd expect from someone in customer service. While he wasn't helpful, I did pick up a brochure from a container on the desk (which I have disclosed as part of these proceedings.)
8. The travel brochure was really helpful and even mentioned a special Hamilton-themed fan tour that showed you where Lin wrote the musical and where the real-life Hamilton grew up. I couldn't believe my luck - it all seemed too good to be true. I took it as a sign I should go.
9. Later that day we went back to the travel agency. This time I found another employee and asked her if she had been to Hispaniola. The travel agent said "*Not personally. No*". I then asked her if she would recommend it and she said "normally, yes. It is a beautiful place."
10. I then remembered the lyrics from the opening song talking about hurricanes so I asked if there were any risks of hurricanes in Hispaniola. She looked surprised and said to me, "of all the things to worry about, hurricanes won't be the problem." She then started talking about how horrible and awful the local Hispaniolan people were.

11. I thought it was a really judgemental thing to say and whispered that to Lewis. He just shrugged. I think she must have heard as she shot me a glaring look, said something snippy and turned her back on me. We then left.
12. A few days later I went online and booked a 14-day package through Air Hispaniola. I paid the sum of \$20,000 for the holiday package which included the tour.
13. I left for Hispaniola on the 27th February 2023 I high spirits. However, my worries started when I saw how run down the area surrounding the airport was. It looked like something out of a zombie apocalypse movie.
14. It just went downhill from there. A minivan took me to the hotel which was surrounded by sandbags. At the time, I assumed it was flooding related. No-one at the hotel spoke any English. There was no wifi or mobile phone reception so I couldn't even use Google to translate or find out what was going on.
15. I didn't sleep the first night because of the continuous sounds of explosions in the distance. During the night I thought I heard gunshots and when I turned on the bedside table light, it exploded and a large shard of glass cut my cheek quite deeply.

16. Before I had time to attend to it properly, the hotel manager came to my door and ushered myself and a German couple (who seemed to be the only other tourists in the hotel) downstairs into a bomb shelter.
17. We weren't allowed to leave. We had some food and bottled water but no way of washing properly and limited first aid materials. I used my scarf as a makeshift bandage. There was blood everywhere.
18. After a week, the bombings stopped and we were allowed to leave. I remember leaving the shelter but nothing after that until I woke up sometime later in a hospital.
19. A nurse who spoke broken English told me that a German couple had found me delirious shouting "Oui oui, mon ami je m'apelle Lafayette" and had brought me to the hospital. She told me I had blood poisoning from my cut and that if I did not get out of the country for proper treatment within the next 24 hours I could die.
20. I was flown by medi-vac to Miami for urgent medical treatment and spent six days in hospital. The medi-vac flight plus the hospital visit cost me AUD \$64,000. In my excitement to book, I had forgotten to get travel insurance.
21. Luckily, I had recently inherited a small share portfolio from my late grandfather and

sold those shares to pay the medical bill so I could return home to Australia.

22. The whole experience was a complete disaster. Hispaniola was not a suitable holiday destination. I would not have gone there if it had not been for the poster in the window that attracted my attention, the travel brochure I read and the lack of warning from the agent. I mean, who on earth even advertises holidays to war torn countries?!

23. Because of that travel agent, I am out of pocket the sum of \$84,000 and have trauma I doubt I will ever recover from.

**STATEMENT OF LEWIS MILLER**

1. I am 28 years old and have known Alice for years. We study musical theatre together.
2. On our way to class we often pass a travel agent run by Escape Leisure in George Street.
3. I remember Alice one morning pointing out a poster in the window about Hispaniola. It was beautiful and looked like the Maldives or Seychelles. I agreed it looked nice.
4. The next time we went past, sometime in early February Alice wanted to go inside. We went in and looked around. I couldn't see the poster.
5. There was a guy in the agency standing behind a computer desk. He had bright blue hair, and thick purple glasses. Not really what I was expecting from a travel agent employee.
6. The guy told me his friend would be able to help us and that she was just out the back. He said "can I help you with anything in the meantime?"
7. Alice was near a desk going through some travel brochures. I shouted out to her, did she have any questions for him and she came over to ask him some questions.
8. I remember Alice said to him that she was looking for a holiday where she could get some peace and quiet. She said she just wanted to rest and reflect.
9. I heard the guy tell Alice that Hispaniola would be the perfect place to go for a restful holiday.
10. He said it with a certain tone which I thought was unprofessional. I whispered to Alice that he seemed very rude and that we should go. She put the travel brochure in her bag and we left.

11. After our class, Alice asked me to go back to the travel agency with her as she wanted to find out more about the place. She told me she had done some research and was really excited to book a holiday centred around Lin-Manuel and Hamilton. We are both such huge fans.
12. When we returned to the travel agency, there was an older travel agent sitting behind a desk, going through some paperwork.
13. Alice approached her and holding out the brochure in her hand, asked her if she was free to talk about holidays for a bit.
14. Alice mentioned she was a fan of Lin Manuel-Miranda and asked about the Hispaniola place she had seen on the poster. They spoke about Hamilton for a bit.
15. Alice asked her if she had ever been there and the agent had said *"No, but I've been told by some other agents that Hispaniola has some of the most wonderful beaches in the world"* and that, *"normally, it would be a lovely place to visit"*.
16. They then started to talk about the weather there so I started to scroll through my phone. I recall the lady assuring Alice that the hurricanes wouldn't cause her any problems.
17. At one point Alice asked me what I thought the agent had meant by something she had said but I have to admit I hadn't been listening so just shrugged.
18. At that point the travel agent gave both Alice and I a dirty look so I gestured we should leave. Alice thanked the agent and said she would *"think it over"* and we left in a hurry.
19. After the run in with the rude employees there, I thought Alice had decided against the trip so was surprised when she told me just a few days later, that she had booked the trip. She does love her Hamilton.

## STATEMENT OF ESMERALDA BRUNETTI

1. I am 44 years old and work as a travel agent. Up until June 2024 I was employed by Escape Leisure at their George Street premise but I now run my own agency online.
2. In around February 2023 I remember the Plaintiff coming into the store a few times. She stood out to me as she was always with a good-looking male and I remember trying to work out if they were together or not, how old he might be and if was inappropriate for me to ask for his number while I was at work.
3. The first time they came in, a friend of mine, Mikhail, was out the front keeping an eye on things while I went to the toilet out the back.
4. He didn't work there - he had just brought me in a coffee on his way to work and had stayed for a quick chat.
5. While I was out back, I heard Mikhail talking to someone. He is very outgoing and always up for a chat, especially about traveling.
6. By the time I came back out the front, the two of them were leaving. Mikhail said not to worry, they will be back and - he was right. They came back together later that day.
7. The girl introduced herself as Alice. The guy didn't say much. Alice seemed very nervous. I thought she was a bit strange. She was very chatty and somewhat scatter-brained. My mum would have said "her mouth was running 100 miles a minute".
8. She kept jumping from one topic to the next – one minute she was asking about the Caribbean and the next about the guy who wrote the music in Moana.

9. I remember struggling to understand where she was going with the conversation or what specifically she wanted to know about.
10. She said "*I've heard about a place called Hispaniola - what's that like?*". I said "*It's a very nice place, but there's been a bit of a problem there lately - the people are revolting.*"
11. The country had just entered into a heightened state of conflict between the government and pro-militia forces. It had been all over the news that week which had prompted me to take down our travel posters from the windows as we were no longer taking bookings to that region. I assumed she must have heard about it but thought it best to still mention it.
12. She shot me a disapproving look when I mentioned it though and said "well I guess that is your opinion, I am sure they are lovely people". She then asked me about the risk of hurricanes.
13. I told her that it wasn't the season for hurricanes and that it would not be one the problems she would encounter if she went there.
14. I thought it was strange for her to be asking about hurricanes when I had just told her about the Hispaniolan revolution but you just never know with kids these days.
15. She asked me if I had been there and I told her I hadn't.
16. She then whispered something to her friend and they both giggled to each other. It looked like they were sharing an in joke at my expense.
17. I didn't have time for their games so I said bluntly that if there wasn't anything else I could help them with, I'll get back to what I was doing (which coincidentally was going

through and throwing out all of our out of date brochures.)

18. I had been developing some brochures with our summer intern over the school holidays for that destination as part of a special promo deal but had binned those drafts a few days earlier once the uprising hit the news. The draft brochures were useless and riddled with typos anyway.
19. I thought that everybody knew about the revolution in Hispaniola. You just need to google the place to learn about the current problems they are having there.
20. I actually did this just after the two of them to double check I wasn't going crazy. I have disclosed those search results as part of these proceedings.
21. I deny ever representing to her (or her friend) that Hispaniola would be a good place to go for a holiday destination. I went out of my way to warn her about the civil uprising even though it had been all over the ABC News and The Guardian all week.
22. I have booked thousands of holidays for people and have never had a complaint before.

**STATEMENT OF MIKHAIL GORBACHENSKI**

1. I am 35 years old and a friend of Esmeralda Brunetti (“Essie) who used to be the manager of Escape Leisure travel agency at Spring Crossing.
2. I work as a freelance graphic designer and often stop by for a chat when I have meetings with my clients in the same shopping area.
3. I was there visiting her in February last year when some customers came in asking about holidays in Hispaniola. I recognise one of them as the Plaintiff, Alice.
4. I particularly remember what happened because I thought she must be mad to even think about wanting to go to Hispaniola.
5. Essie was in the bathroom out the back when they came in so I let them know that the travel agent will be with you in a minute and for them to shout out if there was anything I could help them with (for example, grab them a water or something while they wait).
6. The girl, however, looked quite nervous and kept wandering about, poking her nose into things and generally acting quite suspiciously.
7. The guy was quite nice and we started chatting.
8. The girl walked over to Essie’s desk at the side of the store. I was starting to get the impression that the guy was trying to distract me so I kept a close eye on the girl in case she tried to steal something.
9. The girl even started rummaging through the rubbish bin on the desk. Essie had put it there to remind herself to take it to the outside bin at the end of her shift. It was full of old marketing material that needed to go into the communal recycling bins outside.

10. I thought I saw her take something from the bin and shove into her bag before she and the guy left in a hurry.
11. I didn't say anything to Essie at the time as it was just rubbish and nothing of value.
12. Essie just missed them and was worried about losing a potential customer so I just reassured her that if they wanted to book a trip they would come back (which they did later that day). I stopped by the store again towards the end of Essie's shift that day as I had offered her a ride home.
13. Those same two people returned while I was out the back of the store. I don't think either of them saw me.
14. Essie said something like "*How can I help you?*" The plaintiff said something about being interested in a holiday - she kept going on about that Hamilton guy from the musical and eventually mentioned some places in the Caribbean where he had holidayed.
15. I remember Essie told her about the revolution in Hispaniola. The girl didn't seem to be worried by that and kept asking further questions.
16. She just kept rabbiting on about how lovely it would be there and asking about the weather. I heard Essie tell her that there were no problems with hurricanes at that time of year.
17. She and the guy then suddenly just left. Both of them acted very strange.
18. I thought perhaps my theory was right and the whole story about going to Hispaniola was just a diversion to keep Essie distracted while her friend canvassed the store. At no time did I think the girl was serious about travelling to Hispaniola. I mean, no one in their right mind would.

DOCUMENT “P1” – TRAVEL BROCHURE

# WELCOME TO HISPANIOLA YOUR ISLAND ESCAPE

Looking for a rejuvenating tropical getaway filled with sunshine, culture, and adventure—without the crowds and for a fraction of the cost?

Then the vibrant island of Hispaniola is for you!

## Why Choose Hispaniola?

- Fewer crowds, more authenticity
- Rich blend of Caribbean and European history
- Year-round sunshine and tropical beauty



## Guided Mountain Hikes

Explore the island's lush tropical interior with our expert led hikes. Discover hidden waterfalls, panoramic mountain views, and diverse wildlife along scenic trails that will leave you breathless—in the best way.



## Historical Tour: Alexander Hamilton's Birthplace

Step into history with a guided cultural tour of Nevis Street in Charlestown, where founding father Alexander Hamilton was born. Learn about his early life and the island's colonial past, all while enjoying charming architecture and lively local stories.



## Book local - ESCAPE LEISURE TOURS

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## DOCUMENT “P2” – ARTICLE

**Renowned across the globe and winner of 11 Tony Awards, *Hamilton* began as a spark in Lin-Manuel Miranda’s imagination during a vacation in Hispaniola**



### A Beach-Born Inspiration

Miranda first encountered Ron Chernow’s biography of Alexander Hamilton on a trip in Hispaniola:

“It was like a mosquito had hit an artery when I read that book,” he told the *Daily Echo*

That single moment unfolded into six years of creative work, combining hip-hop, R&B, pop, and soul with the grandeur of America’s founding era—bringing Hamilton’s story to life in a way no one had before

### Turning Pages into Stages

*Hamilton* debuted off-Broadway in February 2015 before storming Broadway. The musical’s unique blend of rapid-fire lyrical storytelling and emotional depth resonated immediately—from Google searches on that Caribbean balcony to standing ovations in New York and beyond

### The Resonance of Wordsmithing

Miranda saw Hamilton’s mastery of language as a perfect match for the musical’s style:

“This was a guy who used words to get everywhere... transcend their circumstances by sheer virtuosity,” he shared. And the public agreed—mirroring Miranda’s own memory:

“Everyone that saw the show left and told everyone they knew about it... it happened before we’d spent one dollar on advertising.”

### From White House Debut to Global Triumph

Miranda first performed an early version of *Hamilton* at a White House event in May 2009, marking a turning point:

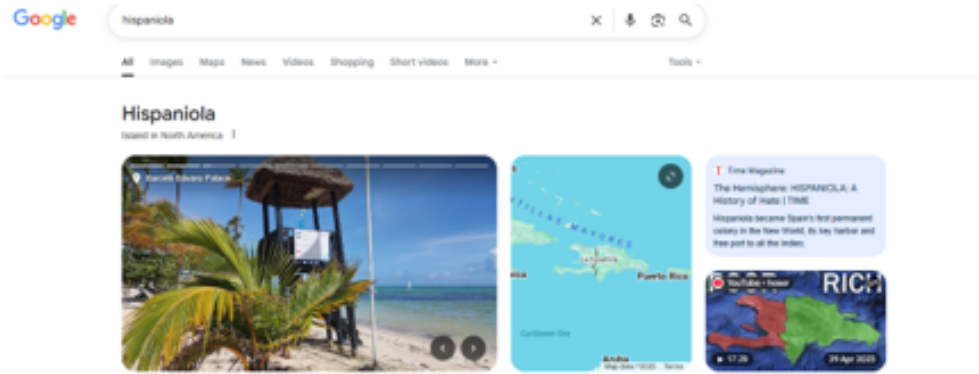
“It actually felt like a sign... there might be an audience for it.”

And he was right. The musical went on to win 11 Tonys, 7 Oliviers, the Pulitzer Prize, and a Grammy—cultural milestones that cemented *Hamilton* as a once-in-a-generation phenomenon.

DOCUMENT “D1” – TRAVEL POSTER



## DOCUMENT “D2” – PRINTOUT OF GOOGLE SEARCH RESULTS FOR HISPANIOLA



### Lin-Manuel Inspired for *Hamilton* While at Hispaniola – Theater Times

<https://www.theatertimes.com/lin-manuel-hispaniola>

**Jun 12, 2016** — In a surprising twist of creative history, Lin-Manuel Miranda credited his time on the island of **Hispaniola**—specifically during a reflective trip to the beautiful Caribbean Republic—as the spark behind his early concepts for *Hamilton*. "I was walking through the ruins of colonial forts, and I couldn't stop thinking about revolution," Miranda shared.

### The Uprising on Hispaniola

<https://www.historyworld.org/haitian-revolution>

**Feb 2023** - In breaking news, the tiny Caribbean republic of Hispaniola has erupted into civil war following the assassination of President Hugo Maglio. Travellers are being urged to evacuate as the country descends into full scale conflict, the likes of which haven't been seen in the region for many decades.

### FR Civil Strife in Colonial Hispaniola

<https://www.revolutionarchives.org/france-hispaniola-conflict>

**Jan 2023** - Internal conflicts between the far right and militant supporters in on **Hispaniola** contributed to the island's volatile political environment. The UN has declared a state of emergency and is urgently negotiating with both sides to ensure the safe passage on vital food, water and medical supplies to those affected.

### Hispaniola – A return to the violence of the past

- <https://www.geo-conflicts.com/hispaniola-division>

**Feb 2023** – in 1804 after years of brutal fighting, the enslaved people of **Hispaniola** overthrew French rule and declared independence, creating the first Black republic. Now, the tiny republic of Hispaniola is again fighting for its political survival and the country's civil war takes a brutal turn of events.