

SS6H8:

The student will describe the culture and development of Australia prior to contact with Europeans.

a. Describe the origins and culture of the Aborigines.

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WARM UP – ELIMINATE 2:

- Why is the coastal region of Australia the most populated?
 - a) It has fresh water, fertile land, and natural resources.
 - b) People like to travel in and out of the country by boat.
 - c) The center of Australia is too desert-like to inhabit.
 - d) The coastal region is not the most populated region of Australia.

WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=we4merRJI_g



Aborigines

THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

INDIGENOUS:

ORIGINATING IN A PARTICULAR PLACE

- They have occupied Australia for at least 40,000 years!
- They arrived by boat from Southeast Asia.
- The word *aborigines* means “people who were here from the beginning.”

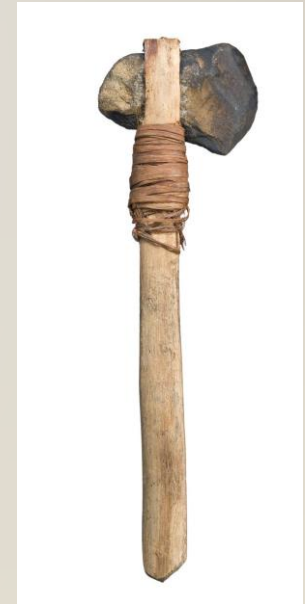


EARLY LIFE

- The Aborigines developed efficient ways to adapt to Australian climate and environment.
- They built large containers for storing water and built wells to collect water underground.
- They were **hunters and gatherers**: they ate animals, wild nuts, fruits, and berries.
- They were **nomadic** – they moved from place to place in search of food.
 - Why didn't they just plant?

EARLY LIFE

- Archaeologists have found several early Aboriginal inventions:
 - Grindstones, boomerangs, and ground axes.



Fun Facts!

- There is no written record of prehistoric Aborigines.
 - They kept their history by telling stories that were passed down from generation to generation.
- Aborigines were the first people to live on Australia, but (currently) not all Australian citizens identify as Aborigines.
- There were over 500 different “nations” of Aborigines spread across Australia, all with differing cultures, beliefs, and languages.
- There are currently more Aborigines alive in the world today than there ever have been!

SOCIAL STRUCTURE

- The Aboriginal social structure consisted of:
- A tribe or “language group” of up to 500 people!
- Language groups consisted of “tribes” from 100-250 people.
- A tribe includes bands or “hords” of up to 10 to 20 people.
- Hordes joined for daily food gathering and hunting.

- Before Europeans arrived in 1788, around 500,000 Aboriginals lived in Australia.

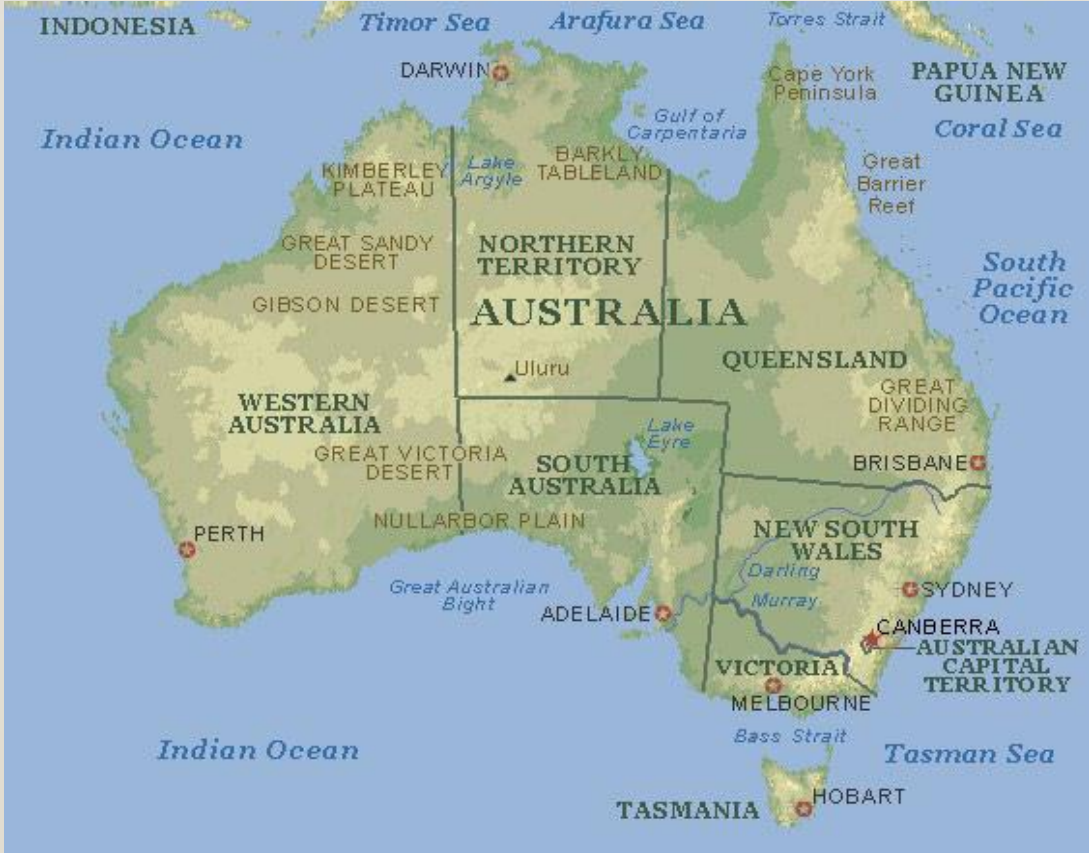
RELIGION

Aboriginal

Religion is called,
“Dreamtime.”

- Aboriginals believe the earth is a link to the spiritual world.
- The land is considered sacred to Aborigines.
- The popular rock, Ayers Rock, which the Aborigines call Uluru, is a very sacred part of their religion.
- Aborigines have many Dreamtime legends that describe how the earth was created.

AYERS “ULURU” ROCK



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MUSIC



- The **didgeridoo** is the most famous Aboriginal musical instrument.
 - It is also sometimes known as a yirdaki.
- **Clapsticks**, accompanying the didgeridoo, are used to keep a song's rhythm.
 - Men played the Didgeridoo
 - Women played the Clapsticks



DIDGERIDOO AND CLAPSTICKS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szfw-lzfkxl>



ART

- Aboriginal art is very traditional and can be traced all the way back to their origins, thousands of years ago.
- The best known form of Aboriginal artwork are **rock and bark paintings**.
- A more modern tradition of painting is called **Papunya Tula**,
 - AKA The “Dot Art” Movement

ROCK AND BARK PAINTINGS



Rock and Bark Painting from Western Arnhem Land, depicting one of the supernatural beings of Dreamtime.

PAPUNYA TULA



INSTAGRAM

Create your own aboriginal “Dot Art” artwork.

Make your caption a few sentences of a “Dreamtime” story to go along with it!

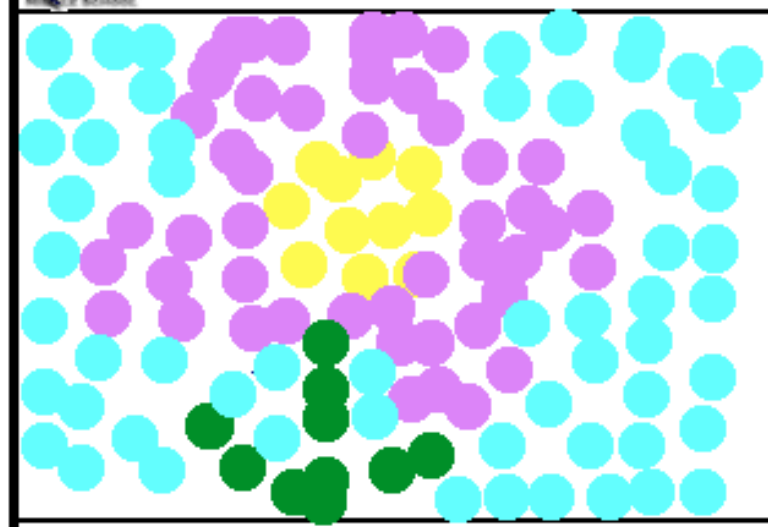
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The flower petals blow in the wind,
Reminding me of where we begin,
Thank you to the Earth.







POP QUIZ

- What Australian physical feature is a sacred place of the Aboriginal people?
- Where did Aborigines travel from before settling in Australia?
- What is the religion of the Aborigines called?
- Aborigines relied on the land for shelter and food. This means they were:
- The didgeridoo is a famous musical instrument that the Aborigines created. Who was typically allowed to play it?