

Finding out about Aboriginal culture



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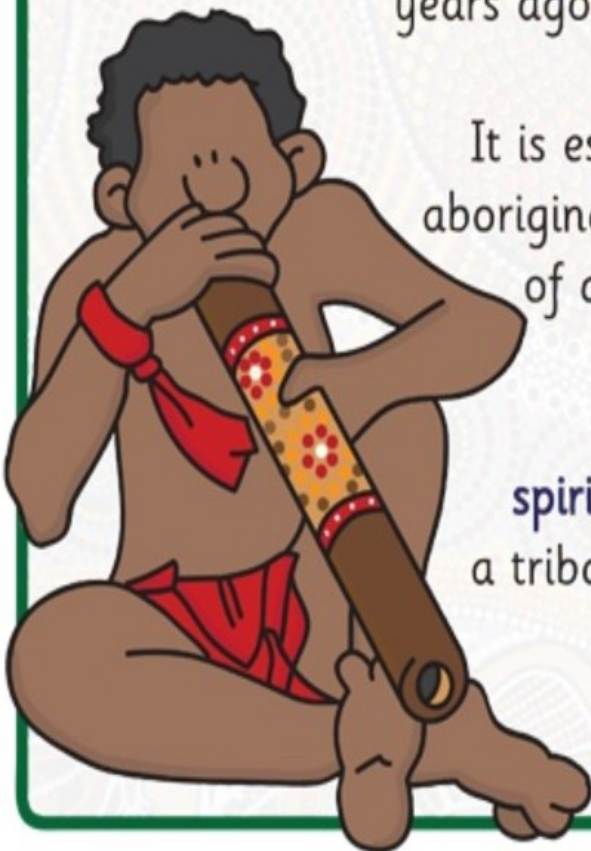
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ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

Aborigines are Australia's **indigenous** people. Aboriginal people arrived in Australia many years ago, most likely from somewhere in Asia.

It is estimated that there are over 400,000 aboriginal people living in **Australia**, made up of around 600 distinct groups of people.

They are well known for their strong **spiritual** beliefs that tie them to the land; a tribal culture of **storytelling** and art; and, like other indigenous populations, a difficult **colonial** history.



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Aboriginal facts



First Aboriginals came to Australia 50.000 years ago

The word Aboriginal means first people. Can be in any country. Here in AU it is a specific group.

They have 360 different dialects

A lot of the languages got lost because many Aboriginal families were killed by the white people.

The stories tell us about their ancestors. (Dreamtime). Different communities have different stories



ABORIGINAL INSTRUMENTS

- Aboriginal traditional music consists of rhythmic singing supported by few instruments.
- Traditional Aboriginal instruments are almost always percussive involve beating , for example: handclaps, body slapping or hitting of clapsticks. The most important non-percussive instrument is the didgeridoo.



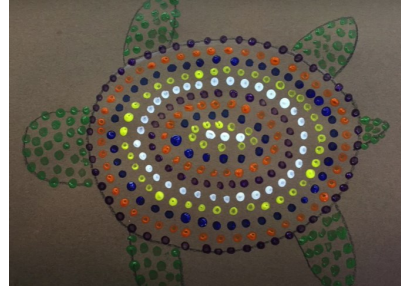
Aboriginal Art

<https://youtu.be/REUJ17-OCwA>

Follow step by step instructions to paint an aboriginal painting

<https://youtu.be/tXxuOF0qMss>

<https://youtu.be/-bJJ00qQznM>



Patterns and pictures to have a go at copying.



Aboriginal Art

Aboriginal Art has survived for over thousands of years and continues to be one of the oldest art forms practiced today. Aboriginal Art consists of symbols. These symbols were used as a means of communication; communication of their lives on earth, their rituals, food, customs and also to show constellations and for ritual decorations. These works were almost always ceremonial or religious.

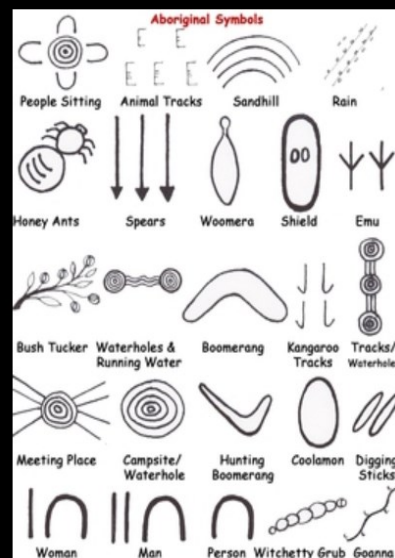
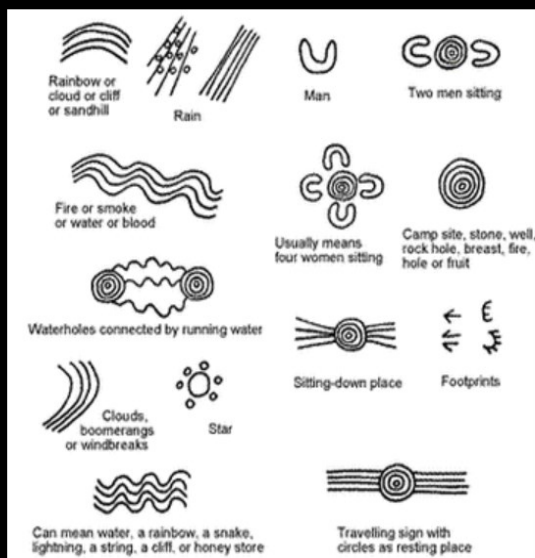
Symbols were used in order to show the presence of different things or objects that existed around them.

Unlike the well-known artists you've studied, Aboriginal artists created their works based on how the land was created, basing their subject matter mainly on patterns and animals.



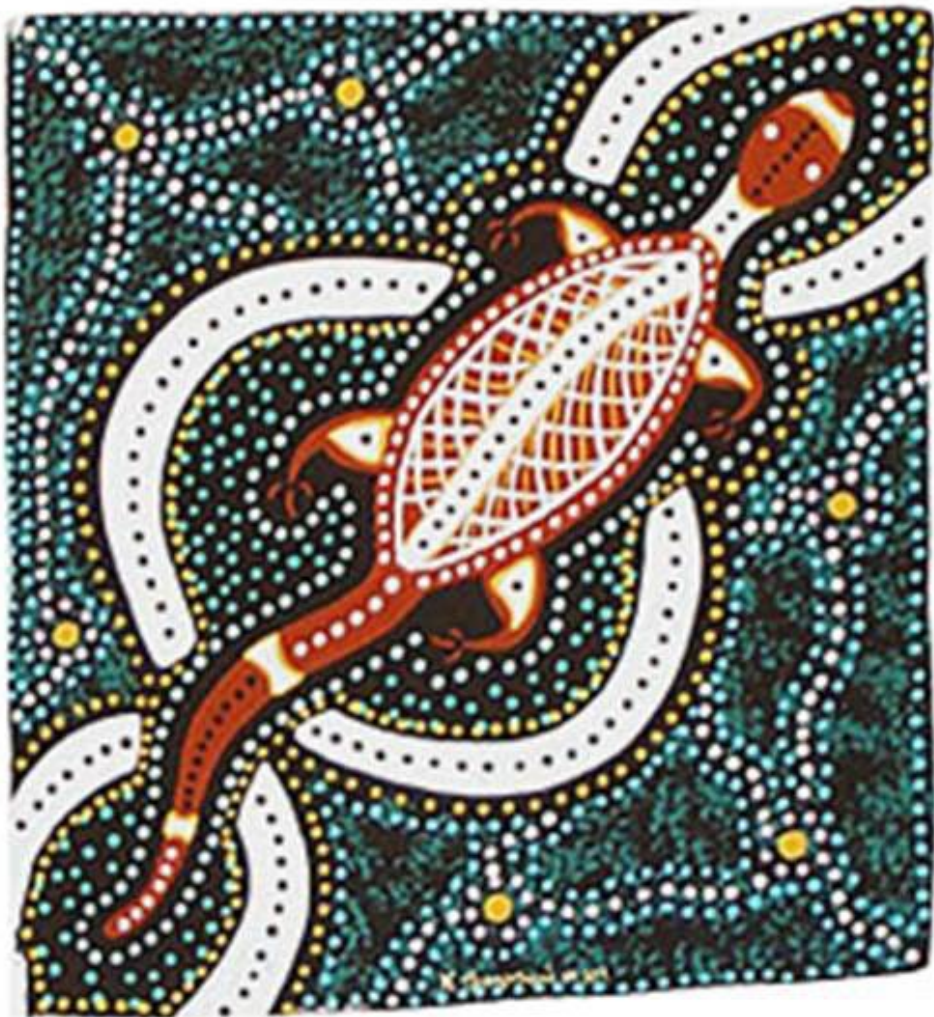
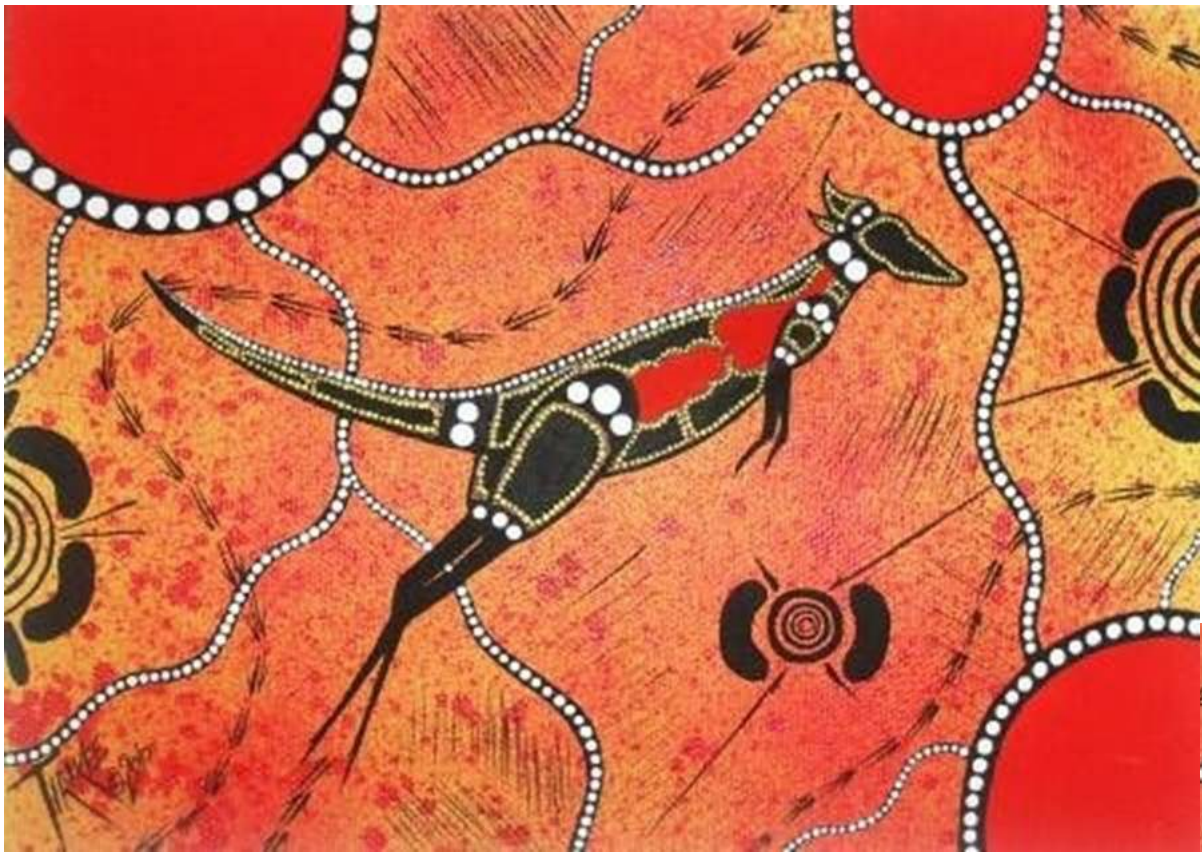
The backgrounds of these art works were never blank. There is always a continuous use of dotting, patterns, lines or hatching to create a sense of movement within the work. These works of art could be labelled as Abstract.

Check Out Some of The Frequent Symbols That Were Used:



Let's Create Our Own Aboriginal Works of Art!!

1. Pretend you are living thousands of years ago and need to create a work of art for your ancestors.
 2. Choose one-three of the above Aboriginal symbols to create a storyline.
 3. On the back sheet of your new, blank sketchbook page, write down the short story you are choosing to tell with your symbols.
- Use the original Aboriginal Art Works as inspiration to get you started.*
4. On a blank sheet in your sketchbook, draw the symbols you have chosen, and create patterns to tell your story using different lines.
 5. Once your lines are drawn, glue down different colours of string or other materials over the lines to complete your work.
 6. Make sure all your lines are completely covered in neatly, and you are only using the same colours you would see in nature to complete your work.



Templates to use

