

Document 1 – First Contacts

Aboriginal people have lived in Australia for 50,000 years.

Aboriginal people were **semi-nomadic**, they moved from place to place. People **settled*** in a certain place and built some temporary **shelters***. After a period of time, the group moved to another place where there were plenty of resources. Aboriginal people had a great knowledge and respect for the **land***.

Groups of Aboriginal people lived in different parts of the country and spoke different languages. They had different **beliefs*** and **customs*** and used different tools, **weapons*** and utensils to adapt to the land.

Aboriginal tribes who lived in the middle of the country or in the desert hunted for land animals like kangaroos, emus, lizards and snakes. Tribes near the coast caught fish using **nets*** and **spears***.

• VOCABULARY – What do these words* mean?

Beliefs	☐ balances	☐ croyances	☐ croire
Customs	☐ coutumes	☐ costumes	☐ coûter
Settle	☐ selle de cheval	☐ salir	☐ s'installer
Shelter	☐ abri	☐ sel	☐ coquillage
Hunt	☐ hanter	☐ chasser	☐ hutte
Land	☐ terre, sol	☐ landau	☐ laver
Weapon	☐ météo	☐ porter	☐ arme
Spear	☐ spécial	☐ lance (objet)	☐ filet
Net	☐ filet	☐ lance (objet)	☐ noix

Semi-nomadic people are ☐ people who regularly change their place of residence.
☐ sedentary.

- **Answer the questions**

How long have the Aborigines lived in Australia ?

What animals did they hunt?

What did they use to fish?

- **Right** **or wrong** ? Justify

The Aborigines often changed their places of living.



They found food and water in supermarkets.



The aborigines respected nature.



In different parts of the country, they had different habits.



Document 2 Aboriginal Art

The Aborigines believe that long ago, the Earth had no form. Then, the ancestor spirits created the landscape: the mountains, the rivers, the trees...

They also created the natural elements (earth, fire, air, water) and all living things (animals, humans...).

This is called the 'Dreamtime', the time of creation of the Earth.

In many Dreamtime stories, the ancestor spirits come to Earth in the form of animals or plants and once they created the world, they changed into rocks, trees, stars etc...

Today, these elements are sacred for the Aborigines.

To illustrate these stories, the Aborigines frequently use dot painting. The traditional colours are yellow for the sun, brown for the earth, red for the desert and white for the clouds or the sky. Their paintings are found on rocks, caves, leaves and bark or on the desert sand.

Look for vocabulary

Our planet = _____

Paysage = ☐ landscape ☐ spirit ☐ painting

Esprit = ☐ landscape ☐ spirit ☐ painting

- Answer the following questions

Who created life on Earth according to Aboriginal people?

What are the stories of these creations called?

Where are the ancestors now?

How do Aborigines illustrate these stories?

What colours do they use ?

Where can you find the Aborigines' paintings?

In aboriginal culture nature is sacred. ☐ right ☐ wrong

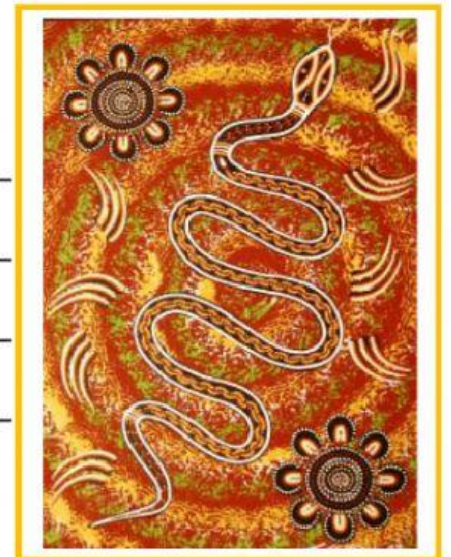
COLOURS

_____ is used to represent _____

_____ is used to represent _____

_____ is used to represent _____

_____ is used to represent _____



What's the French for these natural elements?

earth_____

fire_____

air_____

water _____

the mountains_____

the rivers_____

the trees_____

rocks_____

stars_____

desert_____

clouds_____

sky_____

rocks_____

caves_____

leaves_____

bark_____

desert_____

sand_____