




Study the documents. Match the dates to the events and to the explanations (definitions)

1962 ♦	♦ LAND OWNERSHIP ♦	♦ The colours are symbolic.
1971 ♦	♦ CIVIL RIGHTS ♦	♦ Land is given back to the Aborigines.
1975 ♦	♦ LAWS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ♦	♦ Racial discrimination is illegal.
1976 ♦	♦ CREATION OF THE ABORIGINAL FLAG ♦	♦ Aboriginal people got the right to vote.



### LAND HANDBACK

**Historic day** : Australian Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, symbolically poured sand into the hand of Vincent Lingiari, an Aboriginal leader.

**Vocabulary**      land = *terres*      handback = *restitution*  
pour = *verser*      sand = *sable*      leader = *dirigeant*



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## The Aboriginal Land Rights Act

The Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 was the first attempt by an Australian government to legally recognise the Aboriginal system of land ownership and put into law the concept of inalienable freehold title. The Land Rights Act is a fundamental piece of social reform.

### ABORIGINAL FLAG, 1971

In 1971, Aboriginal artist Harold Thomas designed the Aboriginal flag.



The colours of the flag can be interpreted in different ways: the black could represent the Aboriginal people's colour or the night sky; the red can be seen as the red earth or as the blood that was shed when the Europeans arrived; the yellow is usually interpreted as representative of the sun.

## Racial Discrimination Act

It made racial discrimination unlawful. Racial discrimination occurs when someone is treated unjustly, differently, because of their race or colour.

### Vocabulary

Unlawful = *illegal*    Occur = *se produire, survenir*

**Racial Discrimination Act 1975**



Parliament of Australia

An Act relating to the Elimination of Racial and other Discrimination

Citation      Racial Discrimination Act 1975

Enacted by    House of Representatives

Date enacted   11 June 1975

Administered by   Australian Human Rights Commission





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## Voting rights for Aboriginal people

Some Aboriginal people were granted voting rights in the 1850s, but it wasn't until 1962 that all Aboriginal Australians were allowed to vote.

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