

Aborigines



Aborigines have inhabited Australia for thousands of years. When Europeans arrived in 1788, they brought disease and discrimination and thousands of native Aborigines died. Today there is still discrimination against Aborigines, many of whom have left their traditional lifestyle and now live in the suburbs of cities.

Music, painting and story telling are important parts of the rich Aboriginal culture. Music played on the didgeridoo is an important part of their sacred ceremonies. Images of the spirits of creation are carved in wood and painted on the walls of caves and huts and also on their bodies. Some of these cave paintings are thousands of years old and have great

spiritual significance. For this reason visitors are asked not to photograph them and the stories are never told to white men. Similarly, visitors are asked not to climb Ayers Rock as it is a sacred site, but this request is frequently ignored by tourists.

The Aborigines have their own flag. It is black and red and has a yellow disc in the middle. Black stands for the black skin of the Aborigines, red for the red earth in Australia and yellow for the sun.

RE-WRITE THE STATEMENTS TURNING THE VERBS INTO THE PASSIVE FORM.

1 Aborigines have inhabited Australia for thousands of years.

2 Europeans discovered Australia in 1788.

3 Today white people still discriminate Aborigines.

4 Images of the spirits of creation cover the wall of caves and also their bodies.

5 Aborigines painted these pictures thousands of years ago.

NOW RE-WRITE THE STATEMENTS TURNING THE VERBS INTO THE ACTIVE FORM.

1 Visitors are asked not to photograph their ancient paintings.

2 Visitors are asked not to climb Ayers Rock.

3 This request is frequently ignored by tourists.