

	Australian History - Part 4 - A protest song	
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① READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

"Beds Are Burning" is a 1987 protest song by the Australian group Midnight Oil, in support of giving native Australian lands back to the Pintupi. The album "Diesel and Dust" reached No. 1 in New Zealand, South Africa and Canada, No. 3 in the Netherlands, No. 5 in France, No. 6 in the United Kingdom and Australia. Midnight Oil performed the song in front of a world audience of billions at the closing ceremony of the 2000 Sydney Olympics. The whole band was dressed in black, with the words "sorry" printed on their clothes. This was a reference to the government of Australia's refusal to apologize to the Aboriginal Australians for the way they had been treated over the previous 200 years. *(adapted from Wikipedia)*

What sort of song is "Beds are burning"? _____

When was it created? _____

Who sang it? _____

What is it about? ☐ Australian cars ☐ Aborigines ☐ Olympic Games

In which countries was the song a success? _____

When were the Olympic Games in Sydney? _____

What was written on the members of Midnight Oil's T-shirts? _____

What did the government refuse for a long time? _____

② Vocabulary : Write the words under the photos

The river – four wheel – bloodwood – Holden car – breathe – desert oak tree –
 Holden wreck – the earth – steam – cockatoos



TRANSLATE THESE WORDS

Break _____
Come _____
Pay _____
Say _____
Sleep _____

Steam _____
Breathe _____
Belong _____
Give back _____
Turn _____

Scare _____
Share _____
Rent _____
Burn _____
Fair _____

③ Listen and complete the song. Beds are burning – Midnight Oil

Out _____ the _____
The bloodwood and the _____ oak
Holden wrecks and _____ diesels
Steam in _____

boiling where
degrees broke
river desert 45

[CHORUS]

The _____ has _____
To _____ fair's _____
To _____ the _____
To _____ our _____

share rent
time come
pay pay say

The _____
A fact's a _____
It _____ to them
Let's _____ it _____

back fact
time give
belongs has come

How _____ we _____
_____ our _____ is _____
_____ do we _____
_____ our _____ are _____ x2

fair earth how
burning can dance
sleep turning beds
when while pay

The _____ has _____
To _____ fair's _____
To _____ the _____
Now to _____ our _____

rent say
time fair
pay come share

Four wheels scare the _____
_____ Kintore East _____ Yuendumu
The _____ and
breathes
In _____

degrees from
lives western
to cockatoos
desert 45

[CHORUS]

Lyrics : J. Moginie / M. Rotsey / P.Garrett / P.Gifford / R.Hirst
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