



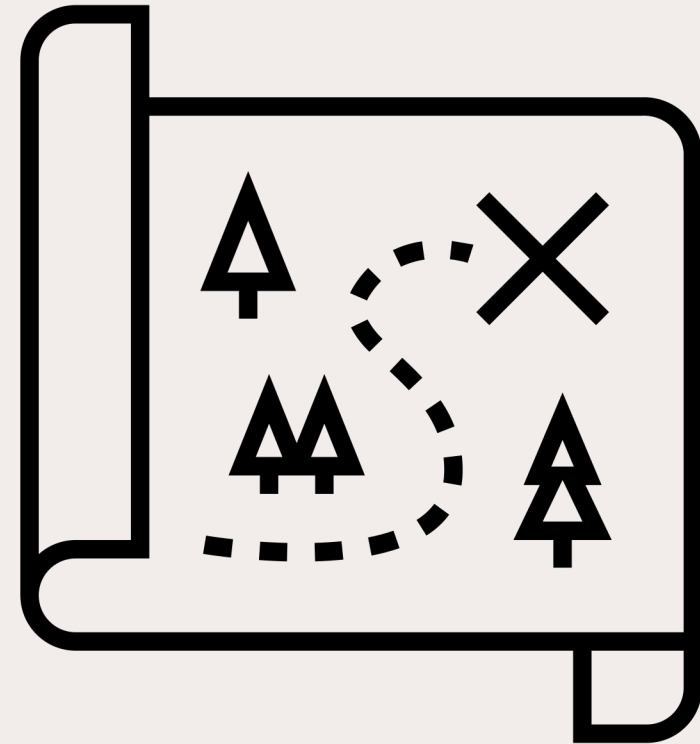
Aboriginal Australia

Background Information



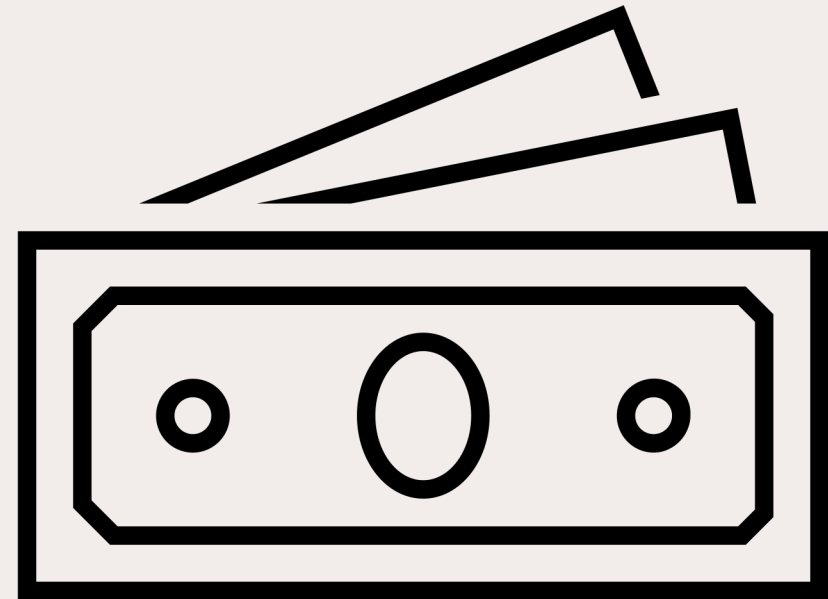
Geographic Location

- Australia is a larger continent in the Southern Pacific Ocean
 - The majority of Aboriginal peoples reside in the mainland as well as the surrounding islands
- Aboriginal Australian's made up the majority of the population in the continent of Australia, numbering around 300,000
- Australia is made up of large plains and wetlands
- The island rests at less than 2,000 feet of elevation which contributes to the lack of mountainous terrain



Economy

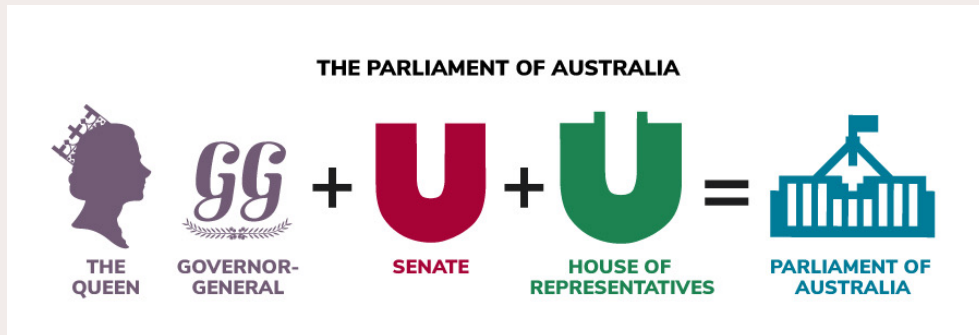
- The Aboriginal Australian peoples' way of life was a result of a major limitation of the economy.
- Aboriginal Australians had to be acquainted with all the country because their ability to read the ground like a map greatly improved their efficacy as hunters and thus their way to gain currency/wealth.
- The aboriginal people would exchange gifts as currency which emphasized their importance of a social bond.





Aboriginal Government & Politics

- The type of government is called the Westminster System, made up of a Federation, a Parliamentary Democracy and a Constitutional Monarchy
- The Queen in the UK makes decisions for the nation through the Governor General

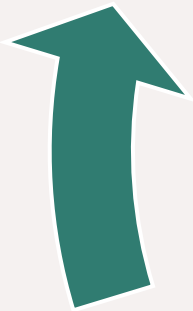


Aboriginal spiritual ceremonies include Dreamtime (or the Dreaming), songs, and oral literature passed down through generations.



Aboriginal religion means to surround yourself with the god that created the surrounding environment, during their particular creation.

Religion



Their practices of spirituality includes Dreamtime. This is the story of the creation of the Earth and how people came to be. These stories date back 65,000 years.



The religion the group practiced was passed down through performing stories to others' this broke the language barriers between different aboriginal groups



Technology

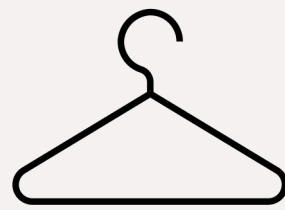
Simple tools

Generational
inventions

Impacted by
today's
technology



Clothing Practices



Types of Clothing

In the colder climates, people commonly dressed in full cloaks made of animal skins. Including oftentimes possum skins and fur.

. Aboriginal people tend to wear Cloaks. Cloaks are worn by the vast majority because of the demands of the environment. Cloaks are usually made of animal skin that covers them from their necks down to their feet.

Waist coverings were more commonly worn in colder areas. Whereas warmer areas allowed for less clothing to be worn to adapt to the heat.

Both animal skins and woven plant fibers were utilized in the creation of belts and simple coverings for the groin.



Psychological & Sociological Theories of Dress



Adornment

- Necklaces, belts, arm bands, head bands
 - Often made of shells, plant fibers or animal teeth/feathers

Modesty

- Original indigenous people oftentimes wore nothing
 - Considered unconscious nudity

Immodesty

- Most aboriginal groups follow western clothing trends nowadays
 - Less clothes if they want to appear revealing or "sexy"

Protection

- Animal pelt cloaks to protect from the elements in colder climates



Cultural Adornments

- Shell necklaces were originally made as an adornment, gifts, tokens of honor, and objects to be traded with other sea and land peoples for tools or for ochre used in important ceremonies.
- Other traditions include piercing of the nasal septum, tooth pulling and the blood rite, hair removal, and scarring.
- These adornments were learned as generations grew and passed it down to their children
 - Dress based on the state of the environment to protect themselves as well as to adorn themselves



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