

ABORIGINAL IDENTITY AND CULTURES

In this session students will learn about the diversity of Aboriginal language groups and cultures. They will explore the concept of identity and how it is connected to culture.

Students will gain an insight into cultural knowledge systems, customs and practices, and discover the importance of culture to Aboriginal people.

Learning Intentions

Students will gain an understanding of:

- Identity and cultures
- Diversity of languages and people groups
- Cultural knowledge and systems
- Cultural customs and practices
- The significance of culture to Aboriginal people

General Capabilities

Intercultural Understanding
Ethical Understanding
Literacy

Cross-Curriculum Priorities

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures

Key Learning Areas

Humanities and Social Sciences

In this session students will explore the following guided questions...

Acknowledgement or Welcome to Country?

- What is the difference between an Acknowledgement of Country and a Welcome to Country
- Where do we see Acknowledgements and Welcomes performed
- Why is it important to perform them

Aboriginal Language Groups

- How many different Aboriginal language groups are there
- Where are all of the different groups located
- What makes them unique
- What are some differences in traditional practices
- How can I know what Aboriginal group someone belongs to, and where they're from
- How many languages are spoken today
- What is the population of Aboriginal people today

Aboriginal Identity

- Who is an Aboriginal person
- Why don't all Aboriginal people look the same
- What are some common stereotypes of Aboriginal people and communities
- Who 'makes' these stereotypes, and are they helpful
- Who are some well-known Aboriginal people, and why are they well-known
- Are there some lesser-known Aboriginal people, and why are they lesser-known

Keeping Aboriginal Culture Alive

- What is culture
- Who has culture
- How can culture be recognised and celebrated
- Why is it important for people to maintain culture and traditions
- How have traditions changed over time
- How is Aboriginal culture visible and respected in today's society

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