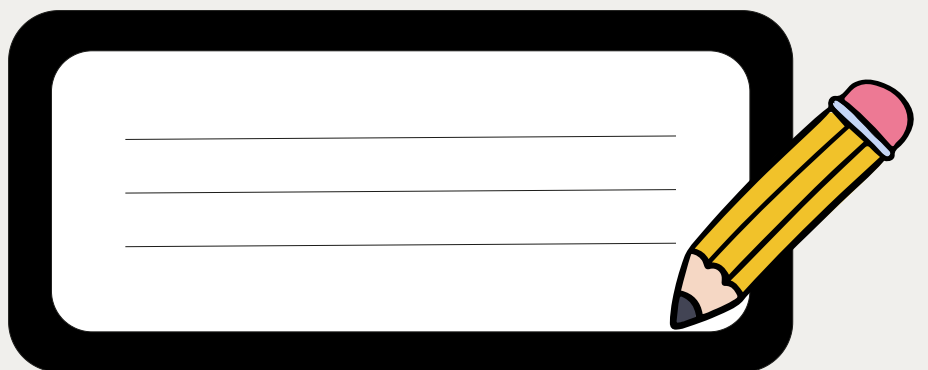


TURTLES IN SCHOOLS

TERM 1 WORKBOOK



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In the pages that follow, you will find a comprehensive set of lesson plans.

Our initiative is not just about imparting knowledge but fostering a deep connection between students and their natural environment and instilling a sense of responsibility and awareness of freshwater turtles and their conservation.

As we embark on this educational venture, we extend our gratitude to educators, students, and all those who champion the cause of conservation. The Turtles in Schools Program is not just a curriculum; it is a movement to inspire the next generation of environmental custodians.

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6 LESSONS

TERM ONE

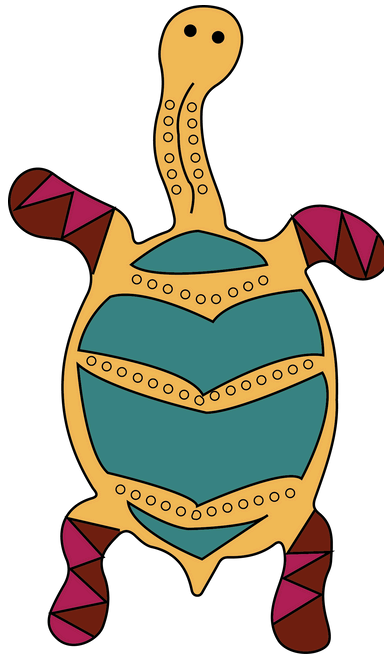
CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF FRESHWATER TURTLES

- Learning Intentions
- Background
- Activities
- Curriculum Mapping



Learning Intentions

(1) Recognise the cultural significance of freshwater turtles to First Nations People.



Recognise

Background Information:

Importance of freshwater turtles to First Nations People

Freshwater turtles play a crucial role in the cultural heritage of Aboriginal communities, featuring prominently in dreamtime stories, cultural practice and ceremony, art, and as customary food sources.

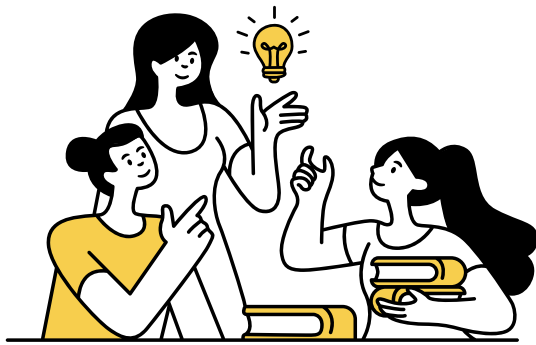
Classroom Activities

ACTIVITY 1

(1A) Discuss key cultural practices and stories related to freshwater turtles among First Nations People.

(1B) View visual aids, such as images or videos, depicting the role of turtles in Aboriginal Art, Dreamtime stories and ceremonies.

(1C) Engage in a class discussion about what you have learnt.



Discuss cultural practices



Show visual aids



Discuss learnings

ACTIVITY 2

(2A) Research the cultural significance of your local freshwater turtle species. Include references and/or a bibliography.



Research

ACTIVITY 3

(3A) Create turtle rock art. Reflect the cultural significance of freshwater turtles to First Nations People in your design.

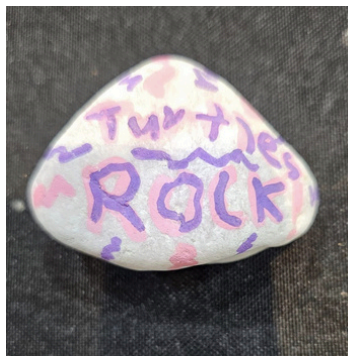
(3B) Share your turtle rock art with the class and explain the cultural elements you have incorporated.

Materials:

- Smooth surfaced rocks (i.e. paving or bedrocks)
- Acrylic paints and paint palette
- Paint brushes



Turtle Rock Art



Create and Share

