Aborigines: The first people to live in Australia

GPS: SS6H8a
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Enduring Understanding(s)

Movement & Migration
Culture
SS6H8 The student will describe the culture and development of Australia prior to contact with Europeans.

a. Describe the origins and culture of the Aborigines.
Essential Question(s)

• Who are the Aborigines?
• Where did the original Aborigines come from?
• How did the original Aborigines survive in Australia?
• What are the spiritual beliefs of the Aborigines?
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Who are the Aborigines?

Fun Fact:
Aborigine is a Latin word that means “from the beginning.”

• The Aborigines are the first people to live in Australia.

• They migrated or moved from southeast Asia and settled in Australia more than 40,000 years ago.

• The Aborigines lived in groups called **tribes** or **clans** and spoke many different languages.
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Who are the Aborigines?

• The Aborigines were nomadic. (Nomadic means that they moved from place to place to find food. They did not have a permanent home.)

• They were hunters and gathers. They hunted animals and gathered food, such as nuts and berries, to eat.
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Who are the Aborigines?

• They used **boomerangs** and spears as tools to hunt for food.
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What is Dreamtime?

- Dreamtime is the spiritual belief of the Aborigines.

- Dreamtime stories explain how animals, plants, water sources, and other natural things were formed by spirit beings.
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What is Dreamtime?

• Aborigines feel a strong connection to the land and believe that they are caretakers of the land.

• Ayers Rock, or Uluru, is a sacred site.
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What is Dreamtime?

• There are thousands of rocks that have been painted or engraved (carved) with human and animal shapes.

• They are believed to have been done during dreamtime.
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How do we know about the life and culture of the original Aborigines?

- The original Aborigines shared their heritage and culture through oral tradition.
- Oral tradition means that they shared their history and culture through stories.
- It is through the cave paintings and carvings that were left behind by the original Aborigines that we know about their life and culture.
Aborigines Notes Review Questions –

Copy and answer these questions below your notes.

1) Where did the Aborigines migrate to Australia from?
2) Why didn’t the original Aborigines have permanent homes?
3) How did the original aborigines get the food they ate?
4) What tools did the Aborigines use to get food?
5) What is Dreamtime?
6) How did the original Aborigines share their traditions and culture?
7) How do we know about the original Aborigines?