

The History of Indigenous Art

Home learning – Over the next few weeks, learn about indigenous art and make your own!

**Week 1 – Ask a family member to read this power point.
look at aboriginal art. It is fascinating.**

Aim

- To understand the origins of Indigenous art.

Success Criteria

- To list examples of Indigenous art.

What Is Indigenous Art?

Aboriginal art is the oldest in the world. Some rock carvings, body painting and ground designs are more than 30,000 years old.



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Aborigines first settled in Australia more than 60,000 years ago. The first Aboriginal rock art dates back more than 20,000 years.



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Aborigines have never had a written language. They used art to write down important stories for their children.



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Aborigines have been using ochres as body paint, on bark and rocks for tens of thousands of years. It was not until the 1930s that the first paintings were done.



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Aboriginal Art started 60,000 years ago and is an exciting art form of the 20th Century.



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Examples of Indigenous Art

Rock Art

These were done on large boulders or on the walls of rock shelters and caves.

These ancient images were based on the actions of Dreaming beings. (you will learn about them later)



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Examples of Indigenous Art

Dot Painting

Dot paintings are now known to be unique to Australian Aboriginal Art.



Why is Indigenous Art Important?

The Australian Aboriginal culture is the longest surviving culture in human history.



How Can I Appreciate Indigenous Art?

You can appreciate Indigenous Art in many ways. Some of these are:

- View and reflect on the work of Aboriginal artists.
- Recreate different styles of traditional Aboriginal art

