



Aborigines: The first people to live in Australia

GPS: SS6H8a

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Enduring Understanding(s)

Movement & Migration
Culture

Georgia Performance Standard - GPS

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?

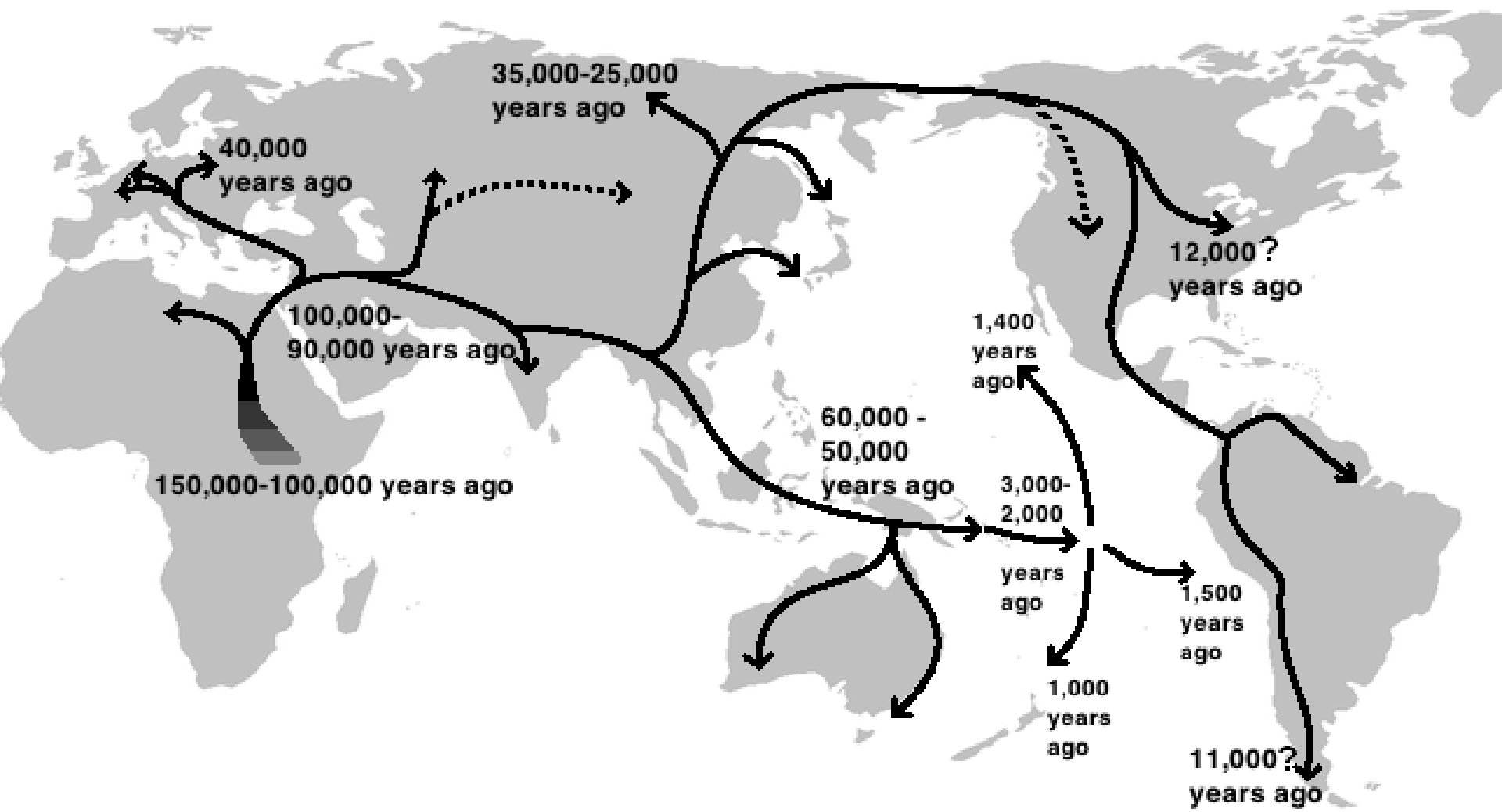
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Who are the Aborigines?

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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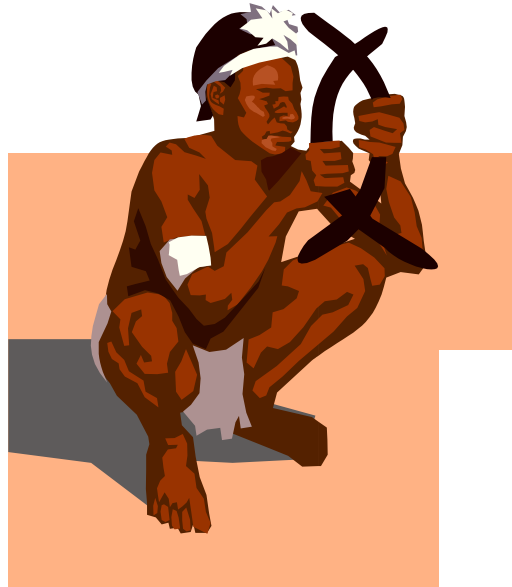


- **The Aborigines were nomadic.** (**Nomadic** means that they moved from place to place to find food. They did not have a permanent home.)
- **They were hunters and gathers.** They hunted animals and gathered food, such as nuts and berries, to eat.

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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.



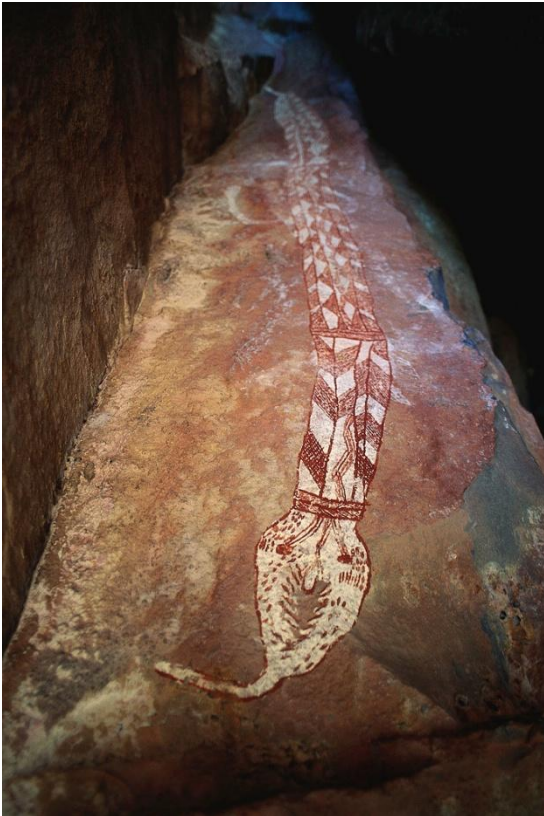
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**What is
Dreamtime?**

- 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?