



# **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?

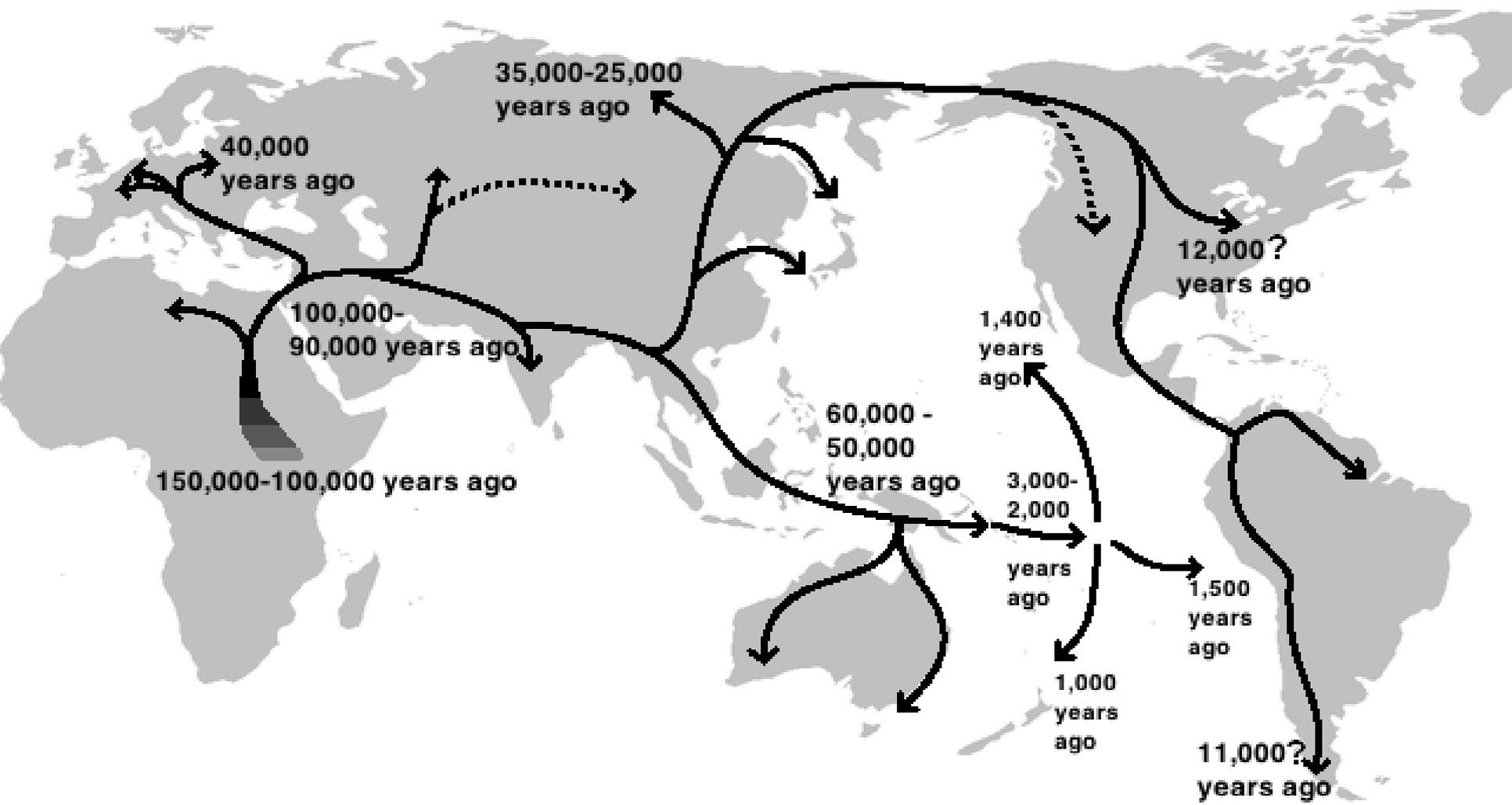
# Aborigines of Australia

**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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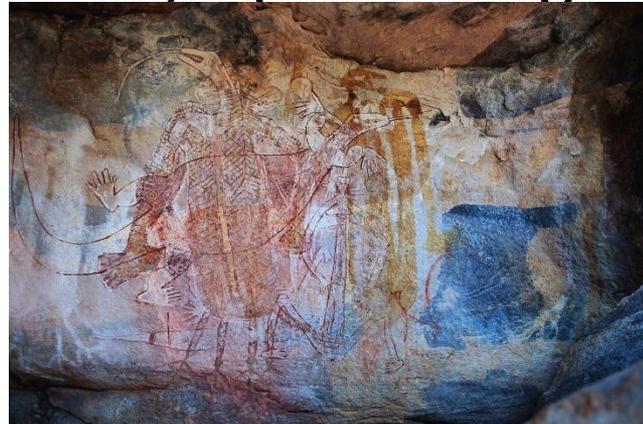
- They used boomerangs and spears as tools to hunt for food.



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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.



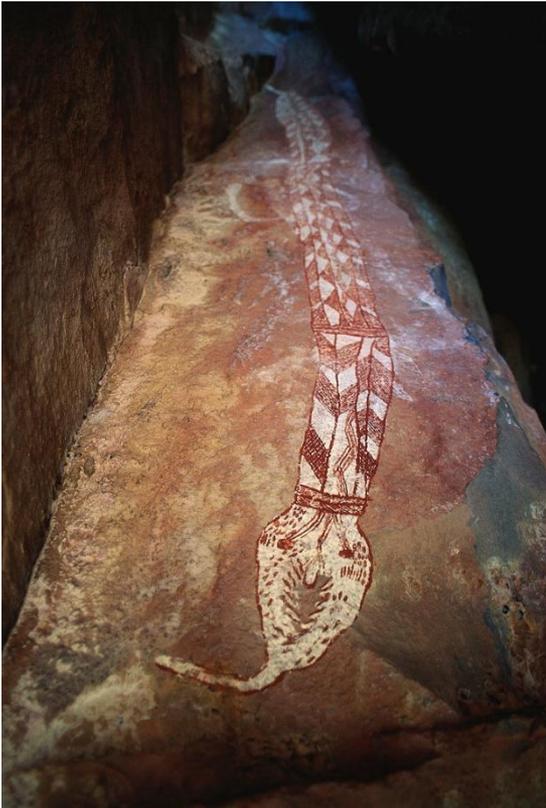
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**What is  
Dreamtime?**

- 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?