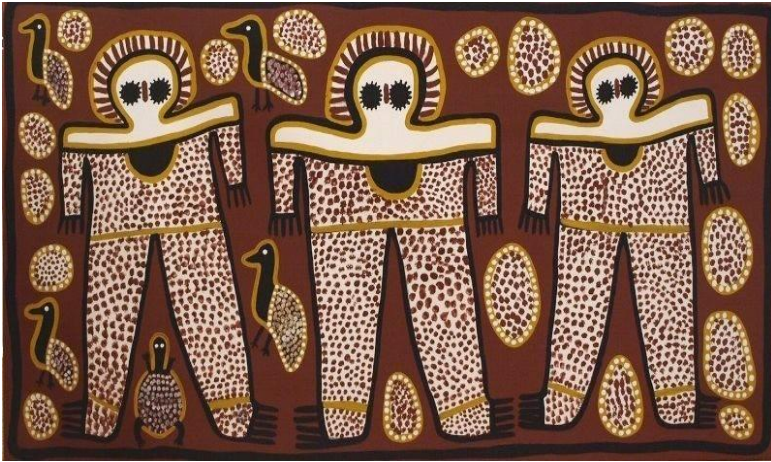


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Indigenous people or things belong to the country in which they are found, rather than coming there or being brought there from another country.

Aborigines are members of the tribes that were living in Australia when Europeans arrived there.

Indigenous Aborigines, and their cultures, can be traced back as far as 60,000 to 80,000 years ago. Some indigenous art examples, found in the Olary district of South Australia, have been dated back to about 40,000 years ago.

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Much indigenous art was, and still is, used for storytelling within Australian Aborigine groups. The pieces often represent patterns within nature and animals, yet there are also sometimes references to spiritual realms which may indicate religions and beliefs as inspiration for pieces. This type of art helps to bring a community and culture together. A variety of natural media was used including bark painting, rock carving and sand painting since thousands of years ago, this was all they had to work with. Since the 1970s, some indigenous art style pieces have been created using watercolour.



Many pieces use dots and lines, recreating patterns found in nature. Even the backgrounds were a continuous pattern. The style has been compared with abstract art and pointillism (a form of impressionism using repetitive dots). The style of dots or cross-hatches, for example, would indicate where a piece of art came from and possibly which tribe. Ochre or iron clay pigments were used to produce colours such as white, yellow, red and black from charcoal.



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<https://www.aboriginal-art-australia.com/aboriginal-art-library/the-story-of-aboriginal-art/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXxuOF0qMss>

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. How far back can Indigenous art be dated back to?
2. What is Indigenous art used for?
3. What new technique was introduced from the 1970s?
4. What can the style of dots and/or crosshatches tell you?
5. What was used to create colours?