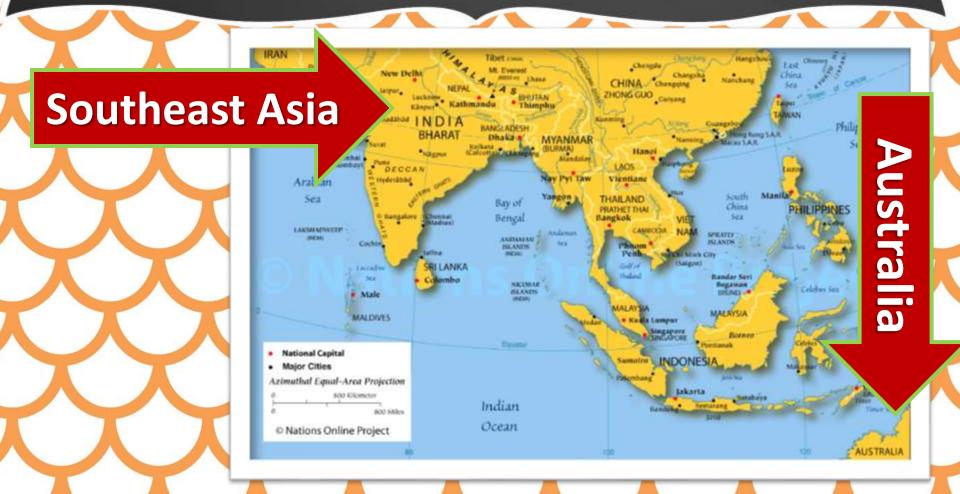


The aborigines are Australia's original human inhabitants.

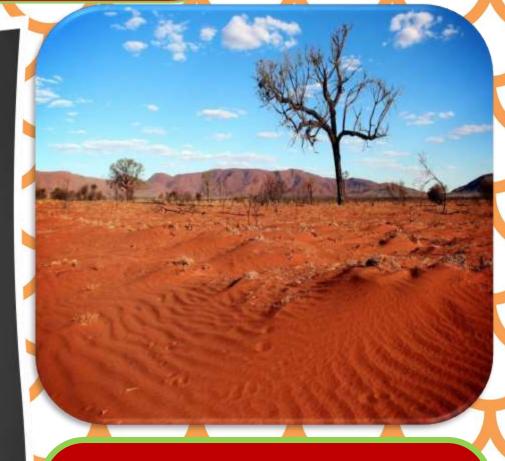
The aborigines migrated to the continent by way of Southeast Asia around 40,000 years ago.





Current technological advances have found a genetic link between the Aborigines and certain indigenous groups found in the Philippines and Papua New Guinea, and India.

The Aborigines have adapted to Australia's harsh environment which can make temperatures soar past 120F.



Many places in Australia go months, even years without rainfall!!!

Due to Australia's harsh climate, the Aborigines developed a nomadic hunter-gatherer way of life.

People who choose to be nomadic do not have a permanent residence.

The Aborigines survive by splitting up into two groups, those that hunt, and those that gather.

Men are usually the hunters and women are the gatherers and child bearers.

In this type of lifestyle, people are on constant lookout for their next meal.



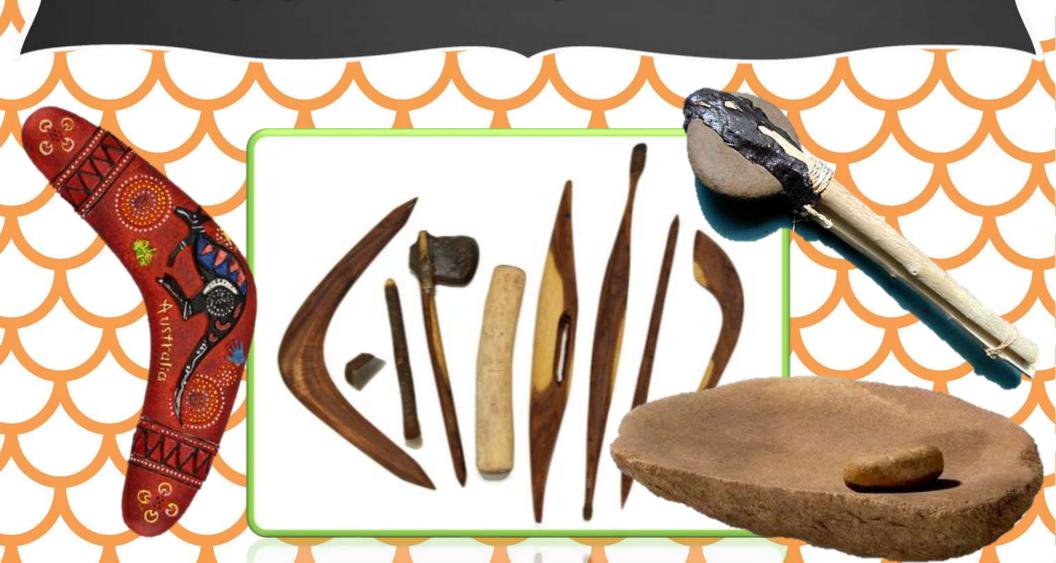








Aborigines are credited with the invention of the earliest boomerangs, ground axes, and grindstones.



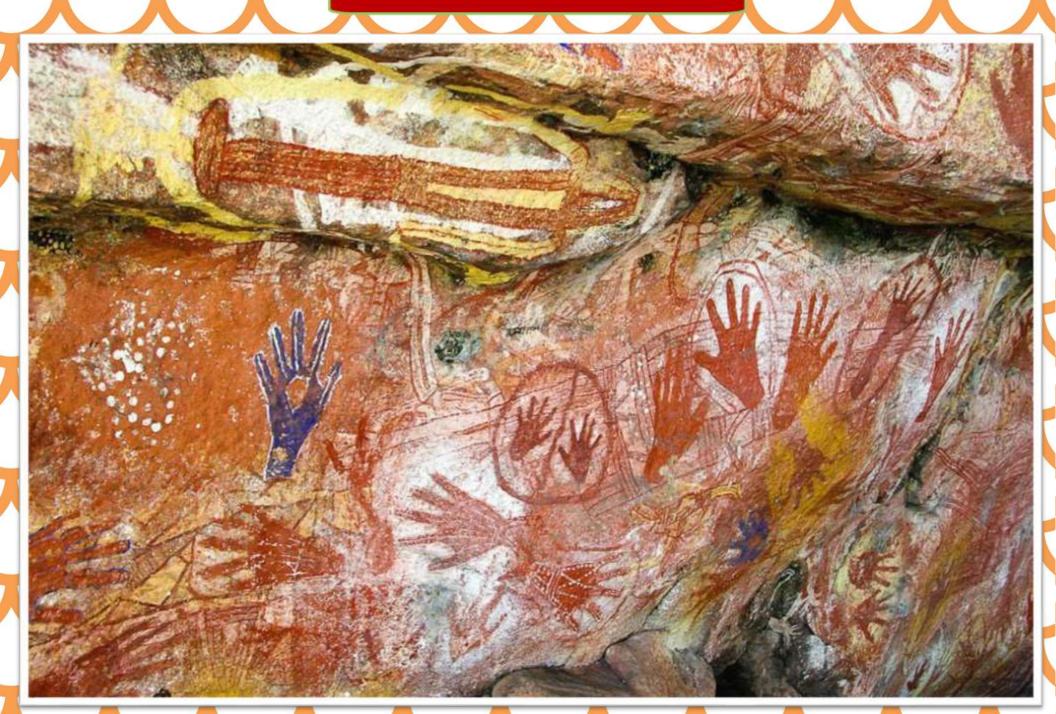
Aborigines are known globally for their primitive forms of rock art.

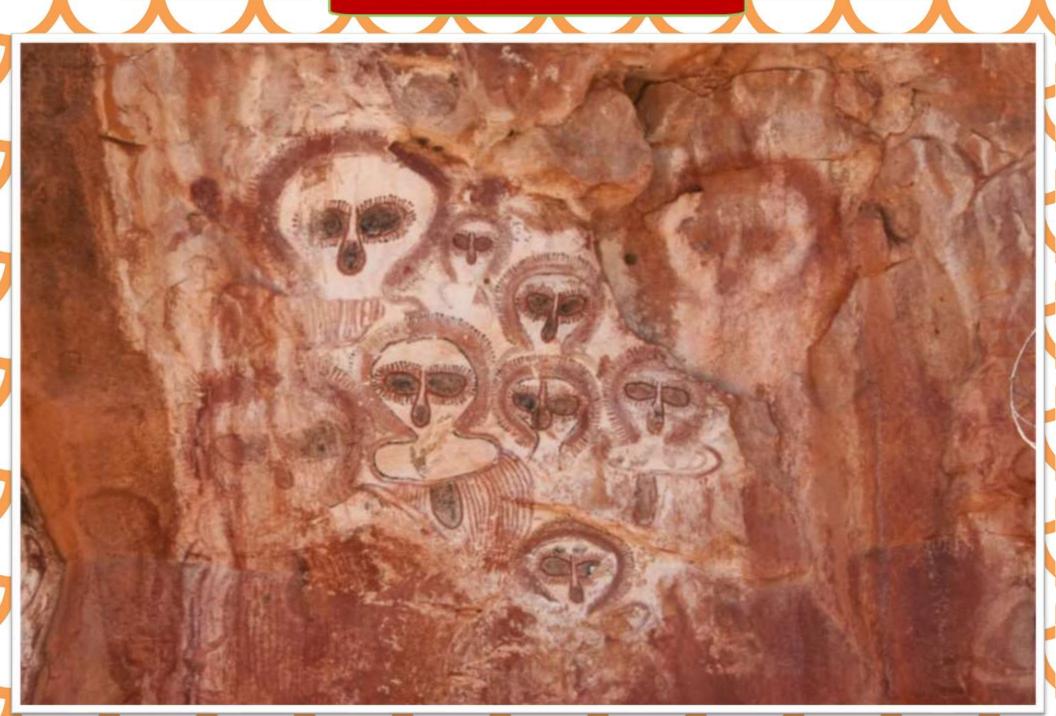
Australian Indigenous art is the oldest unbroken tradition of art in the world.

There are several types of aboriginal art, and methods of making art, including rock painting, dot painting, rock engravings, bark painting, carvings, sculptures, and weaving and string art.

A variety of colors are used, except for red, which symbolizes blood and is only used in other types of painting.









Aborigines are also known for their spiritual beliefs known as dreamtime.

According to dreamtime – Humans and animals are a part of one vast unchanging network of relationships which can be traced to the great spirit ancestors of the Dreamtime.

The Dreamtime is the Aboriginal understanding of the world, of it's creation, and it's great stories.

The Dreamtime is the beginning of knowledge, from which came the laws of existence.

Example of Dreamtime:

The sun rose out of the ground. The land received light for the first time. The supernatural Beings, or Totemic Ancestors, resembled creatures or plants, and were half human. They moved across the barren surface of the world. They travelled hunted and fought, and changed the form of the land. In their journeys, they created the landscape, the mountains, the rivers, the trees, waterholes, plains and sandhills. They made the people themselves, who are descendants of the Dreamtime ancestors. They made the Ant, Grasshopper, Emu, Eagle, Crow, Parrot, Wallaby, Kangaroo, Lizard, Snake, and all food plants. They made the natural elements: Water, Air, Fire. They made all the celestial bodies: the Sun, the Moon and the Stars. Then, wearied from all their activity, the mythical creatures sank back into the earth and returned to their state of sleep.