

GROUP 2 - ABORIGINAL HISTORY: read the text before doing the activities!



Aborigine means native: the first inhabitants of Australia were the Aborigines or Aboriginals. They have dark skin and dark hair and they originally come from Asia.

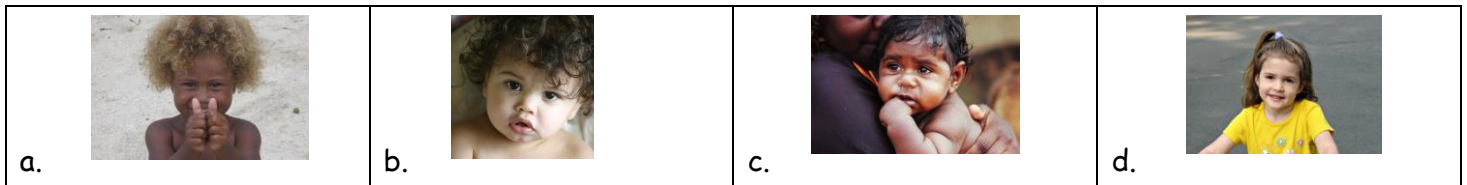
They arrived in Australia 60,000 years ago. Before 1770, when the Europeans arrived, there were 300,000 Aborigines in 250 tribes and there were 250 languages too!

They fished and hunted with boomerangs to live. They enjoyed music, dancing, singing and art. They invented the didgeridoo, a long wooden flute, perhaps the first music instrument on the planet! It is the sound of Australia. They also painted stone walls or on tree bark with their fingers, it is called Dot painting. Painting was used to give important information, to tell stories or even to teach! The Aborigines developed unique beliefs about art and creation.

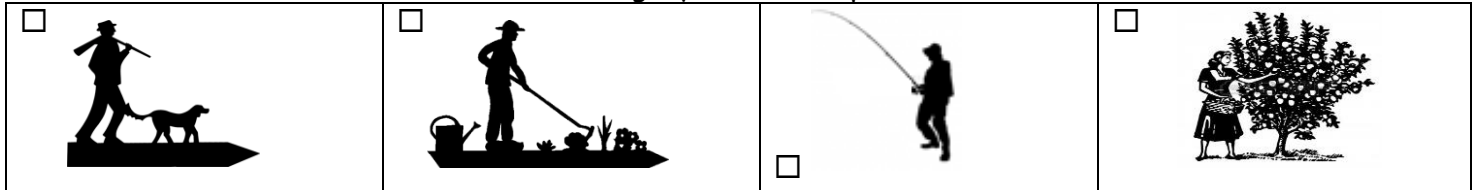
They suffered a lot. During the 19th century the Aboriginal population dropped severely. Europeans killed thousands of them, stole their land and even their children!

Today's 600,000 Aborigines represent 3% of Australia's population. Some of them still live in a traditional way, especially outside cities.

1. Qui sont les Aborigènes ?
2. Lequel de ces enfants est un aborigène ? Justifie ton choix !



3. Combien y avait-il d'Aborigènes quand les Européens arrivèrent ?
4. Combien de tribus ? 5. Combien de langues parlaient-ils ?
6. Aujourd'hui, on utilise le boomerang pour s'amuser ; quelle en était son utilité pour les Aborigènes ? Justifie ton choix en notant le mot sous l'image qui lui correspond !



7. Qu'aimaient-ils faire ? Tu complètes le tableau en anglais et en français

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8. Pourquoi peignaient-ils ?
9. Pourquoi ont-ils beaucoup souffert ?
10. Quel pourcentage de la population Australienne représentent-ils aujourd'hui ?
11. Ont-ils tous abandonné leurs traditions ? O oui O non
Justifie en citant le texte :