

Aboriginal Culture

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Shelter

All Aboriginal housing mostly considered of simple shelters made from branches and covered with leaves and sheets of bark. The



Aboriginals were dependent on the materials that they could get from land. In some places soft paperbark was easily pulled off trees to make a shelter. In other places there were only branches and leaves that could be used. In the wet and cold conditions, closed dome-shaped shelters were made. Sticks were bent over and bark, grass and leaves were used to cover the shelter. Aboriginal people usually find caves to live in because they don't need to build their home.



Food

The women were the main food gatherers and they would go out and search for seeds, vegetables, fruit and witchetty grubs. The men were in charge of hunting animals. They would hunt for kangaroo, lizards, snakes and goannas. To catch the animals they used boomerangs, sticks and spears. The Aboriginal people ate different foods depending on where they lived in Australia. Some parts of Australia had a wide range of plants and animals that the Aboriginals could eat. In other parts of Australia there was barely enough food.





Art

Aboriginal art is one of the oldest surviving art forms still practised today. The oldest paintings were traditionally painted thousands of years ago on cave walls and on large rocks. Aboriginal paintings always tells a story. Some stils of painting is dot painting and bark painting. Paints were mostly made animal blood and ochre. These stones pigments were mixed with emu fats and kangaroo oils to make liquid paint.

Music

Aboriginal ancestors usually pass on music to the children so they can learn how to play music so when they are an adult they can tell stories to their children. Aboriginal people used muscle instruments that they find in the wild. It is easy for them to find animal bones and sticks.

