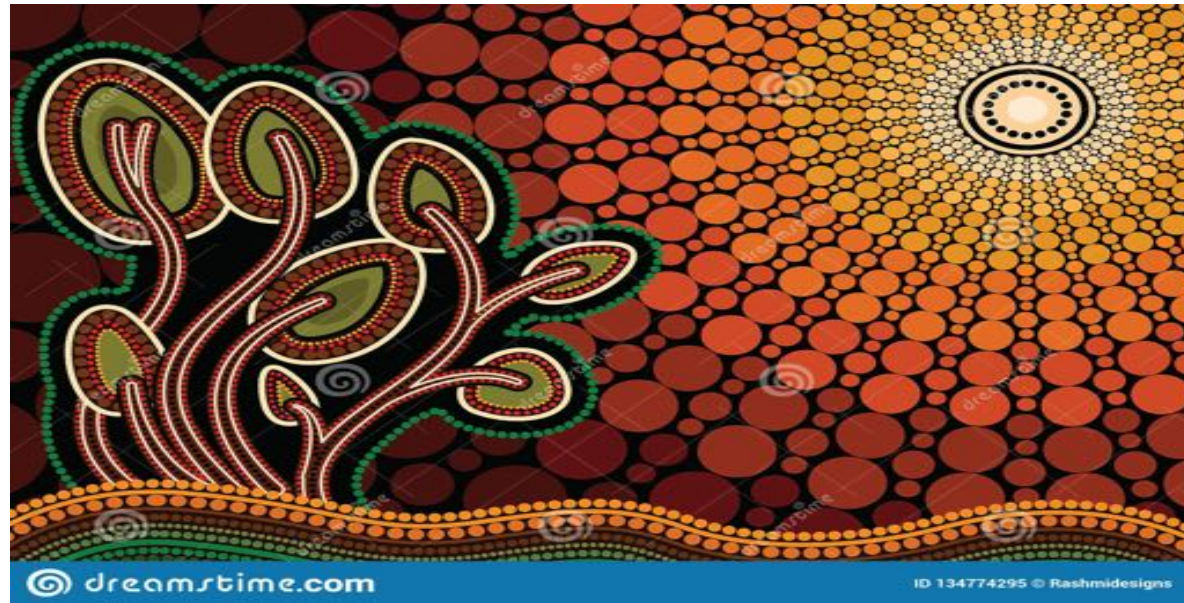


Boomerang



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What Is It?

- ▶ A boomerang (boo-mer-rang) is a tree made weapon for mostly hunting. The Aborigines would also use the boomerang for digging, and in special ceremonies. Like the Corroborees, which are the most well-known ceremony. They also will do rituals with boomerangs.



This is made out of wood!



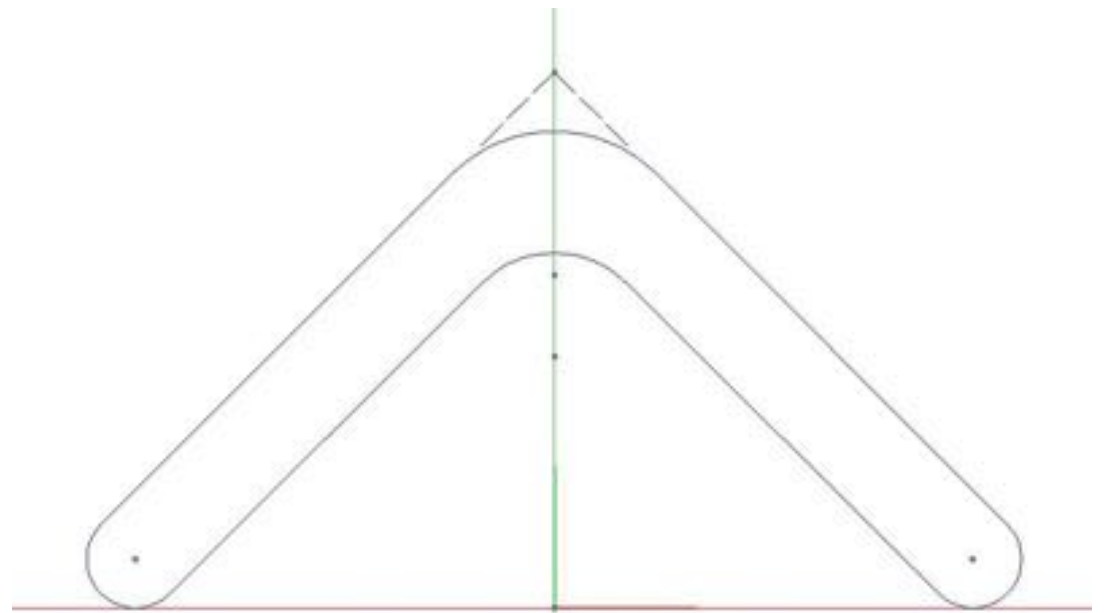
What Is It Made From?

- ▶ Boomerangs are normally made out of wood from a tree called casuarina but sometimes boomerangs are made from animal bones like kangaroo bones for example. The Turuwal tribe in New South Wales were the first tribe to make boomerangs. It was light, thin and well-balanced. They were around 30-75cm in length and it weighed in about 340 grams.



How Was It Made?

- ▶ A boomerang was made from a carefully chosen branch or root with an amazing shape and grain. A boomerang is made by the specific tree she-oaks. You can also call a she-oak a casuarina. The casuarina is native to Australia and South East Asia. These trees are a very valuable source of timber and firewood.



What Was It Used For?

- ▶ The boomerang was used for hunting birds, such as emu. They would also eat kangaroo and other animals they would dine on. The Aborigines would throw the boomerang in such speed and formation that it would turn into like a knife in the air.



What Do People Use Today For The Same Purpose?



- ▶ A boomerang was used for hunting and killing animals. Today we use a spear gun for the same purpose except spear rods are basically only for killing fish. Aboriginals would use boomerangs to hunt for free but now a days humans need a recreational license that is \$40 to \$50 to spearfish.



Was It Used By All Aboriginal People In Different Language Groups?

- ▶ Not all of the Australian Aboriginal tribes knew the boomerang. But a lot of the tribes that didn't know the boomerang would have different weapons pretty similar to the boomerang but a total different name like a native animal. For example a kangaroo or a wallaby.

Thank You For Listening

I hope you enjoyed this information on
the boomerang!

