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# Boomerang

Aboriginal Inventions



# What Is It?

A boomerang is an aboriginal invention used for hunting. It is curved because if you throw it would turn in the air after going a certain distance. If it had caught something it would come back upon it. Often they would paint it a paint made of red, orange and purple ochre clay. To apply the paint they used sticks with a flat top.





# What Is It Made From

A boomerang is traditionally made of wood from a mulga tree but if the boomerang was for a special ceremony then they would make it out of a bone. The boomerang was a weapon of war that was used for catching food during wars but also self defence





# How Was It Made

The first boomerangs were made from a single piece of carved wood. The aboriginal heated the wood in hot ashes and then bent it to get the right shape. Today boomerangs used for sports are often made of plywood or fiberglass. Their shape can be very different from the curved shape of traditional boomerangs.





# What Was It Used For

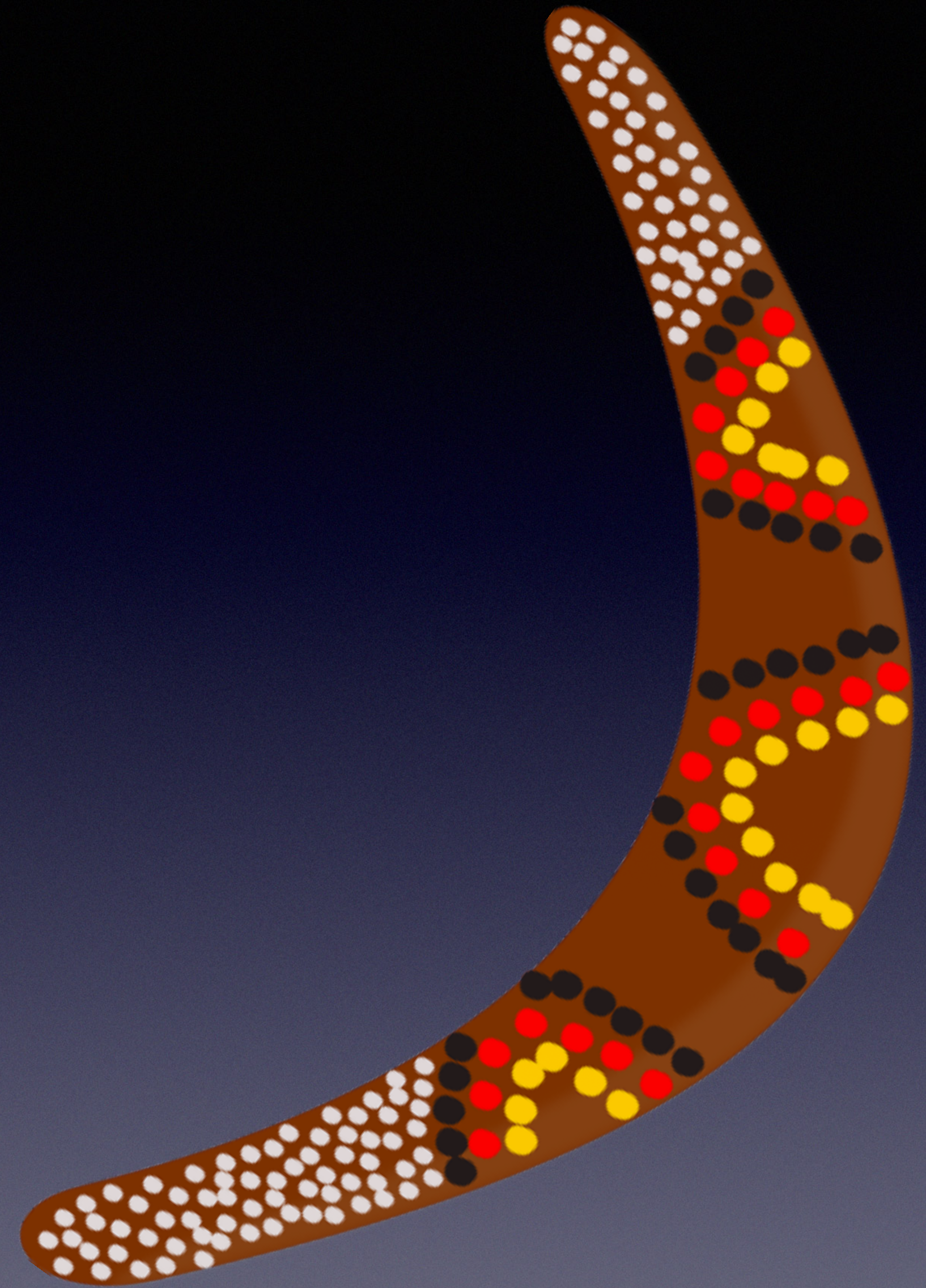
The boomerang is a hunting, a musical instrument, a battle club, defence tool and they often made mini less harmful versions for their children as a toy. When a boomerang is thrown it will fly through the air and eventually will turn around and come back.





# How Is It Used Now

Boomerangs have many uses. They are weapons for hunting birds and game. The hunter can throw the boomerang directly at the animal or make it bounce off the ground. If someone is skilled at throwing, the boomerang works for hunting animals up to 100 metres away





# Which Language Groups Use It

All language groups use boomerang for one way or another. No language group had better or worse boomerangs but they do use them for different reasons.





# Fun Facts

Most boomerangs don't come back

Boomerangs are one of the first flying objects that is heavier than air

The first boomerang was spelled boumarang

