

# ABORIGINES & THE LAND



Indigenous people have occupied Australia for at least 60 000 years and have evolved with the land - changing it and changing with it.



Indigenous people lived a hunter and gatherer life where they hunted animals and collected fruits, berries and other plants.

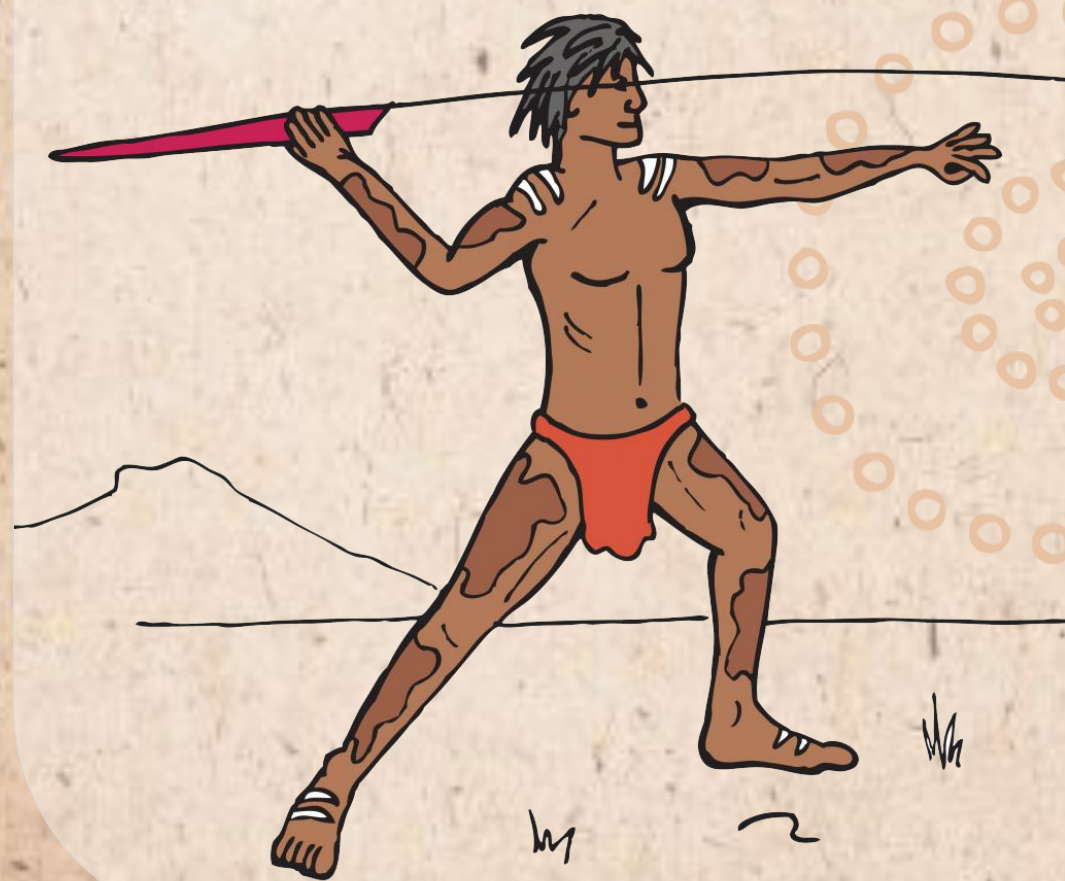
To maintain the health of the land, family groups would only stay in an area for a certain time and only hunt and used specific foods in that season.



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Using only what was needed and only what was plentiful, meant there would always be sufficient food for the next season.



Indigenous people use natural features of the landscape to identify and mark the land. This system is connected with stories of the Dreaming and Spirit Ancestors.