



# Australian Aborigines

The Aborigines probably came to Australia from South East Asia about 60,000 years ago. Australia in those days was a much wetter continent with large forests and lakes. The Aborigines settled all over the country and quickly adapted to its different climates: from snowy mountains to deserts and rainforests.



A photograph of a man in a wetland environment, carrying two long spears on a shoulder pole. He is wearing a loincloth and has a white band around his forehead. The background shows a vast, flat landscape with tall grasses and water.

**The Aborigines were  
mostly nomads  
(кочевники).**

**The men hunted.**

**The women collected  
plants and seeds.**

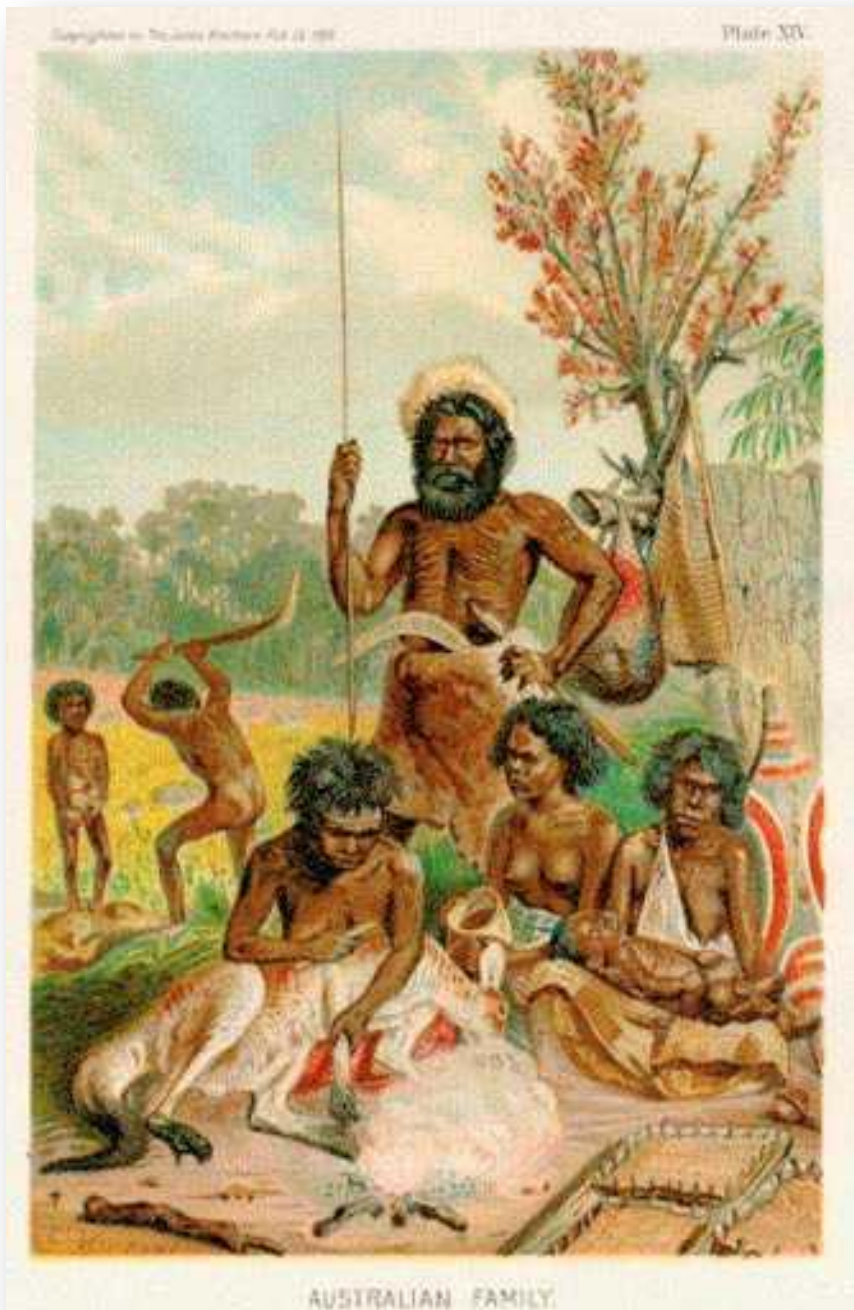


A dingo, a wild dog species native to Australia, is shown standing in a natural, outdoor setting. The dingo has a reddish-brown coat and is looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred natural landscape with some greenery and small white flowers. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow font.

**They had no  
domestic animals  
except the dingo.**

They used tools made of wood and stone.





**They lived in small family groups of 10 to 50 people, each with its own language or dialect.**



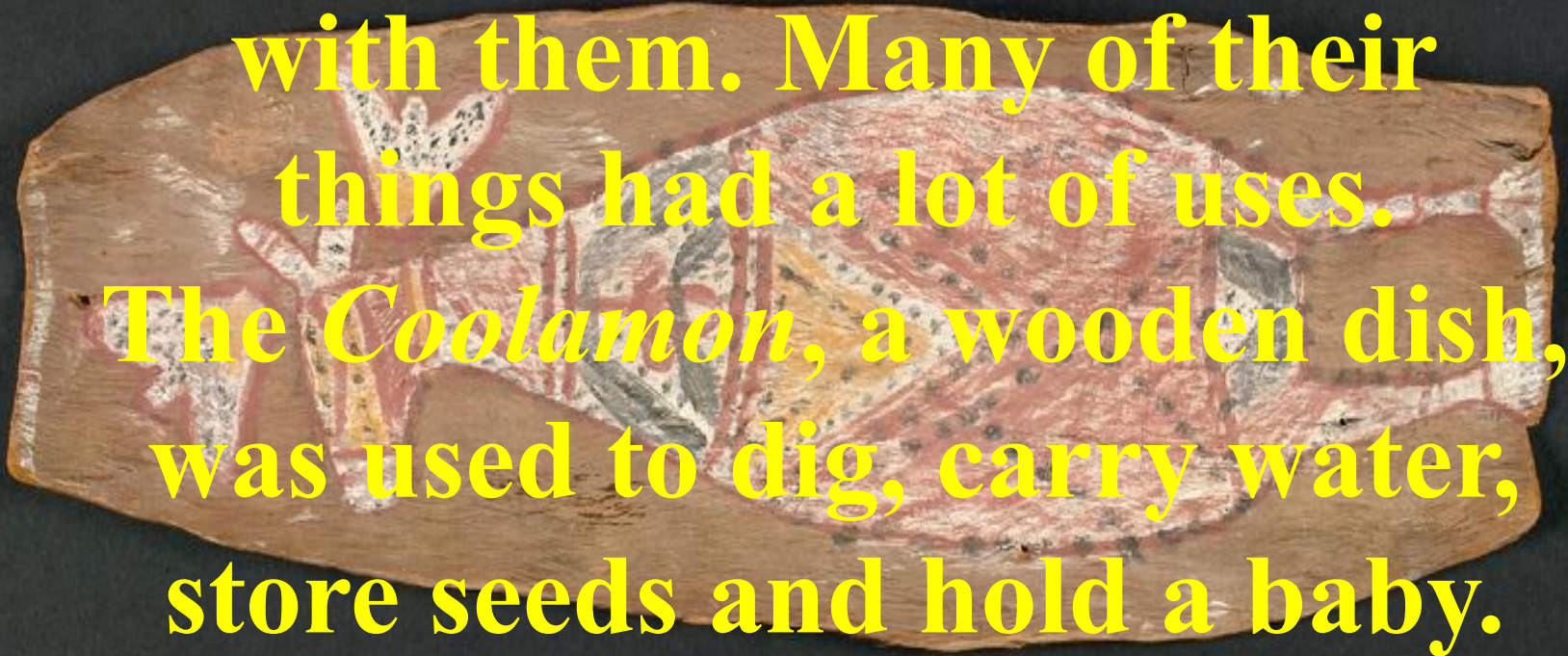
# Coolamons





The Aborigines were nomads and they couldn't carry much with them. Many of their things had a lot of uses.

The *Coolamon*, a wooden dish, was used to dig, carry water, store seeds and hold a baby.





**Boomerangs  
are cleverly  
designed to  
return to you  
when thrown.**



# Didgeridoos



A man with curly hair, wearing a red loincloth and a headband, is sitting on a large rock on a beach. He is playing a didgeridoo, a long, dark, cylindrical wind instrument. The background shows a cloudy sky, a body of water, and a distant shoreline with buildings. The text is overlaid in a bright purple color.

**The didgeridoo  
is the oldest  
wind  
instrument in  
the world.**





**These Aborigines  
are performing a  
traditional dance.**

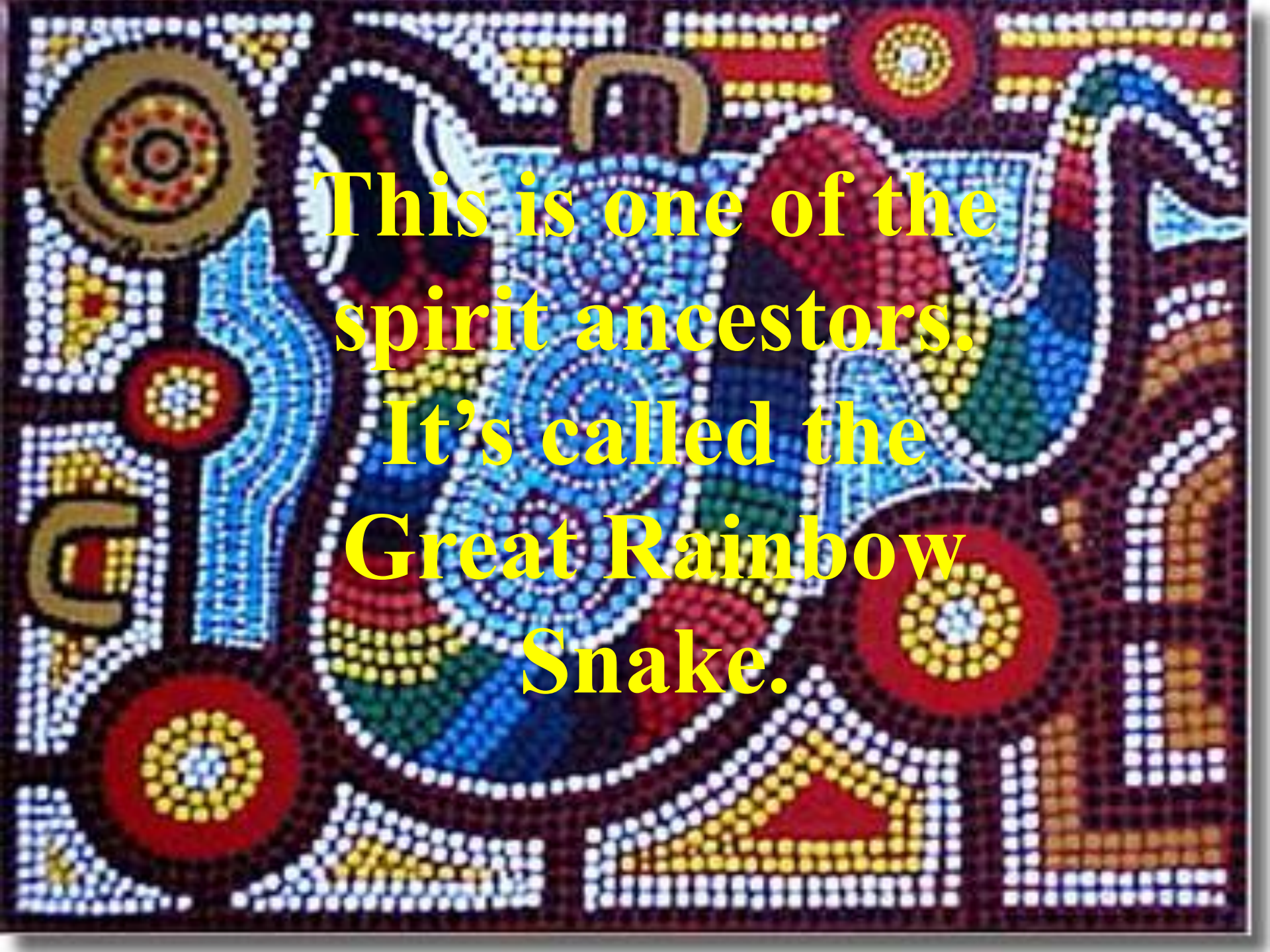


# ***Dreamtime***

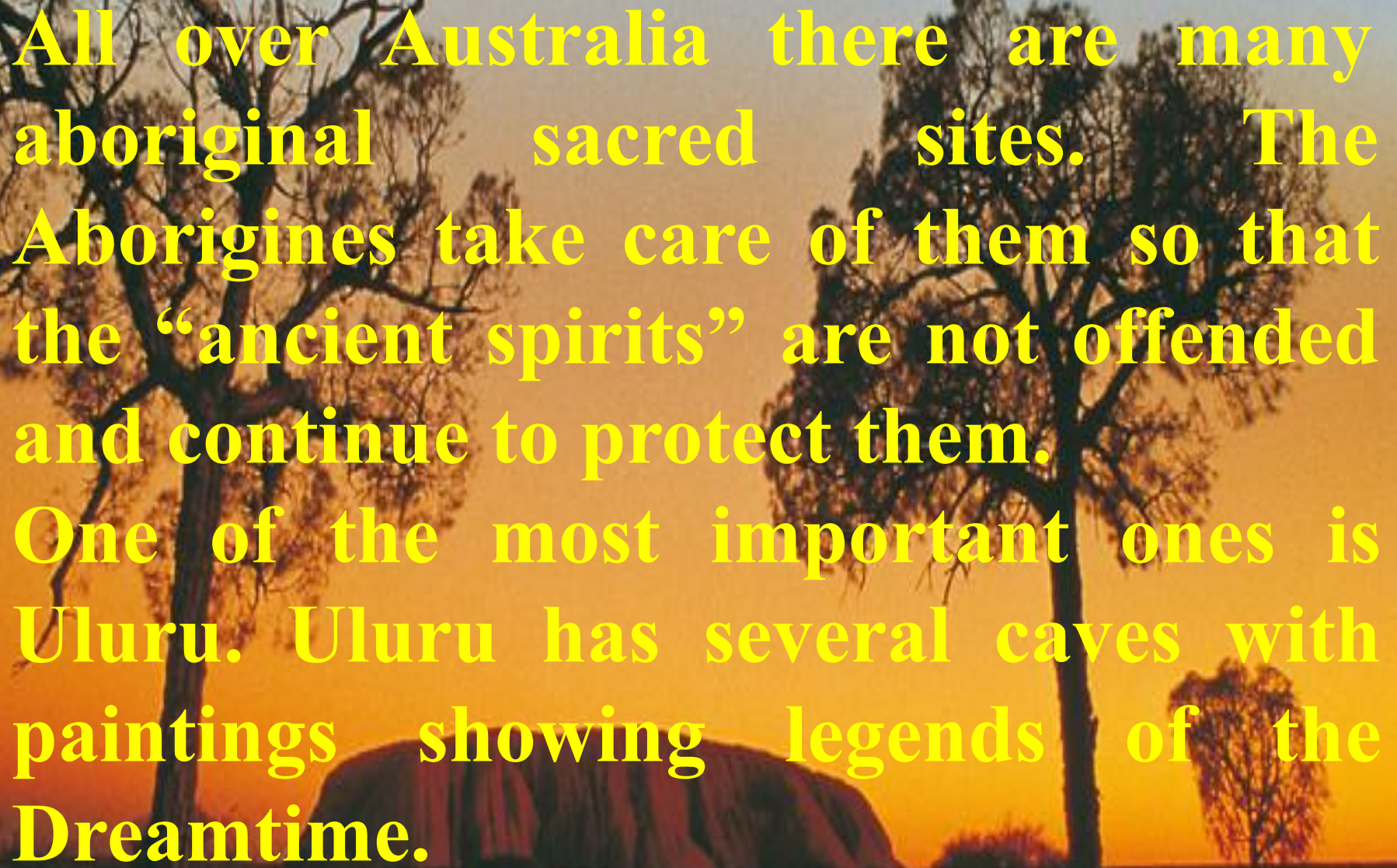
**The Aborigines believe in the Dreamtime which was a time when their 'spirit ancestors' created the land and all forms of life on it.**

**There are a lot of Dreamtime stories and songs. The Aborigines sing them around fires clapping sticks and playing the didgeridoo.**





**This is one of the  
spirit ancestors.  
It's called the  
Great Rainbow  
Snake.**

A sunset scene with Uluru in the background and trees in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The text is overlaid on the image in a yellow, bold font.

**All over Australia there are many  
aboriginal sacred sites. The  
Aborigines take care of them so that  
the “ancient spirits” are not offended  
and continue to protect them.  
One of the most important ones is  
Uluru. Uluru has several caves with  
paintings showing legends of the  
Dreamtime.**

# Uluru paintings



Art is very important to the Aborigines. For thousands of years they have painted stories from their Dreamtime on rocks and barks. They have also painted their bodies for ceremonies.

Paint was made from rocks, clay, coal. This produced the traditional Aboriginal colours – red, brown, black and white.

Modern Aboriginal artists continue the tradition using modern materials in their works. Today aboriginal art is gaining popularity all over the world.





















