

NAIDOC Week 2020

'Always Was, Always Will Be'

The theme for NAIDOC Week this Year is;



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What do you think this year's theme is about?

Think

Pair

Share

it as a class...



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Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.



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Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels.

Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future.

Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.



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NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula.

The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines – of our lands and our waters.

For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.



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What information from the previous slides was interesting or new to you?

How important is 'connection to country' for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Peoples???



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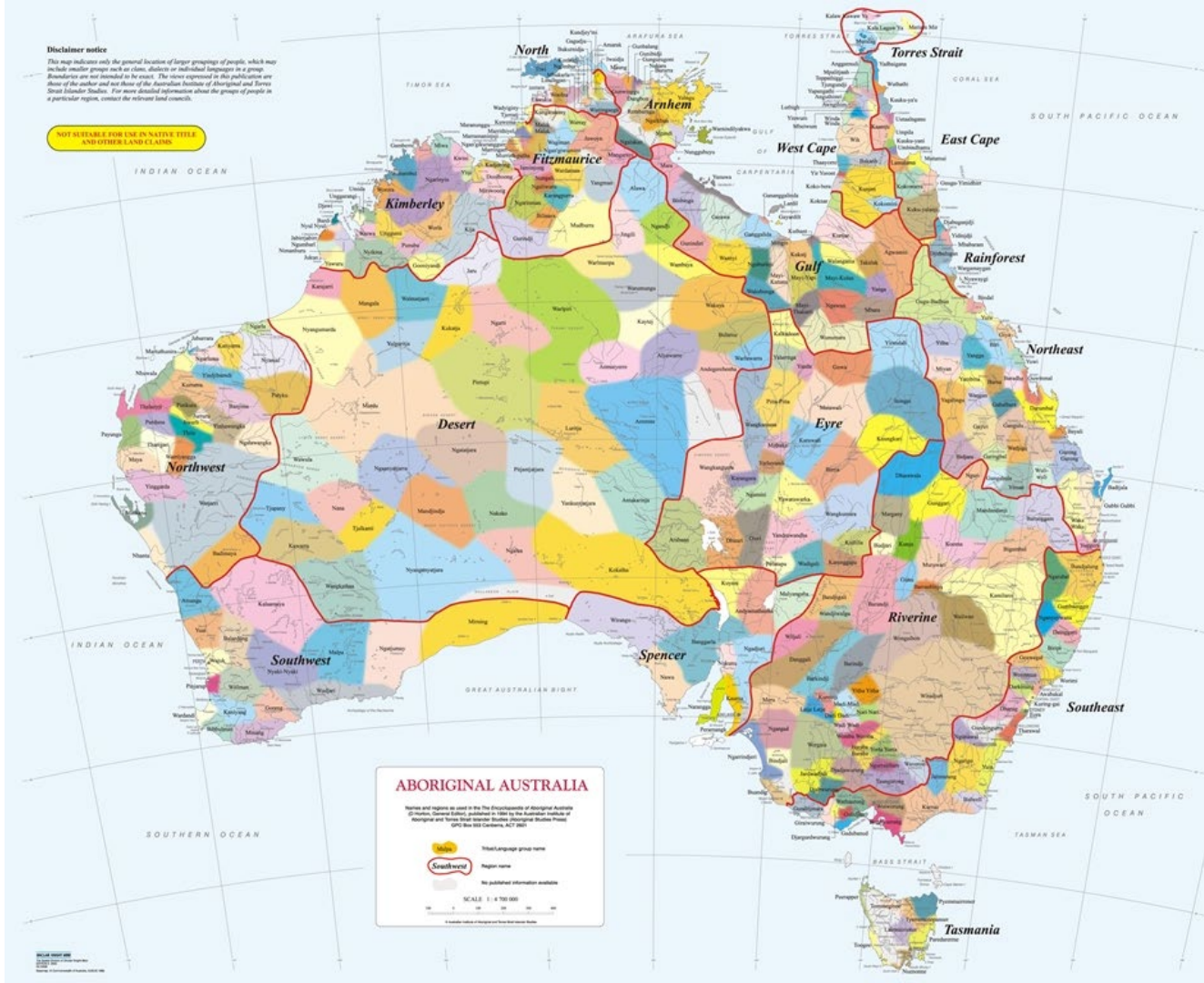
So we have seen and heard how important connection to culture, language and country is to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's.

There were hundred's of different language groups across Australia and the Torres Strait Islands.

Disclaimer notice

This map indicates only the general location of larger groupings of people, which may include smaller groups such as clans, dialects or individual languages in a group. Boundaries are not intended to be exact. The views expressed in this publication are those of the author and not those of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. For more detailed information about the groups of people in a particular region, contact the relevant land council.

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We have heard and been part of 'Welcome to Country'
'Acknowledgement of Country'.

Where do we see these occur?

Do we know why we do them?

Is there a difference between them?



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Listen carefully to the video

on the next page to find out



What did we learn?

What is the importance / significance of Welcome to and Acknowledgement of Country?

What are the key differences between the two?

How can we show respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and the connection to country?



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