

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Mahrley will have a basic understanding of Aboriginal people in Australia, including their culture, traditions, and connection to the land. Mahrley will also create a simple art project inspired by Aboriginal art.

Materials and Prep

- Paper (plain or colored)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Access to a computer or tablet (optional for research)
- Information about Aboriginal culture (can be shared verbally)
- Space to create art

Before the lesson, it would be helpful to familiarize yourself with basic facts about Aboriginal people, their history, and their artistic traditions. This will make the discussions more engaging.

Activities

- **Story Time:** Begin by sharing a simple story or legend from Aboriginal culture. Discuss the main characters and what the story teaches us about their beliefs and values.
- **Art Project:** Mahrley will create her own piece of Aboriginal-inspired art using dots and patterns. Explain how Aboriginal art often tells a story or represents a connection to the land.
- **Nature Walk:** If possible, take a short walk outside to observe the natural environment. Discuss how Aboriginal people have a deep connection to the land and how they use natural resources.
- **Music and Dance:** Listen to traditional Aboriginal music and discuss its significance. Mahrley can also create her own dance movements inspired by what she hears.

Talking Points

- "Did you know that Aboriginal people are the original inhabitants of Australia? They have been living there for over 65,000 years!"
- "Aboriginal culture is rich with stories. These stories often teach important lessons about nature and life."
- "Art is very important to Aboriginal people. They use colors and patterns to tell stories and share their connection to the land."
- "Aboriginal people have a special relationship with nature. They believe that everything in nature is connected."
- "Music and dance are a big part of Aboriginal culture. They often tell stories through songs and movements."
- "Do you want to learn how to make your own Aboriginal-inspired art? You can use dots and patterns just like they do!"
- "What do you think is the most important thing we can learn from Aboriginal culture? It's about respecting nature and each other!"