

MAPPING OUR DIVERSITY

A study of the diversity of occupation, culture and way of life of Indigenous peoples across WA

Evidence for Aboriginal occupation has been found in all parts of Australia and raises some questions: how long, where did they come from originally, how did they travel here?

Archaeological evidence across WA (Kimberley, Desert, Pilbara & SW) all have exhibited dates from sites of up to 40,000 years ago.

Students in groups will explore and draw assumptions on the way of life of peoples from each region based on Indigenous objects, an archaeological site and maps.

Students will excavate a simulated site in either the north or south-west to establish how these conclusions can be drawn.



Target audience:

Upper primary school: Years 4-7

Study area: Indigenous

Duration: 3 hours

Numbers: Maximum of 65 students

Skills developed:

- Ability to locate relevant historical information from sources provided
- Sequence historical peoples and events
- Develop key questions about the local community or region and identify different points of view
- Practise scientific and archaeological techniques of excavation to unearth objects

Workshop outcomes:

- Indigenous cultural diversity is largely dependent on country and adaptability to this environment
- Objects are alive – they are narratives of the past
- Viewed altogether, a story can unfold

Cost:

- \$500

Teacher's note:

Please note that the provision of two teachers is necessary for the effective delivery of this workshop.