

Aboriginal Rock Art

Introduction

Aboriginal people of Australia used art to print stories on cave walls and rocks – kind of the original bloggers of the world, posting their content in nature for all to see. Tell a story about your life or an event you witnessed based on the style of Aboriginal art. What symbols will you use to tell your story? What story will you tell? Why is it important to share this story with the world? What are the most important details to share? How will you represent them?

Materials

Non-toxic paints that can be washed off the skin

Large sheets of white, light brown, or light grey paper

Tape (to hang the paper on the wall or blackboard after the paint has dried)

Directions

Work in small groups, with a partner, or individually to create a story.

First decide on a brief story to tell. It can be a description of something that happened in your life, or the life of a relative or friend. Write out a few sentences and think about what details to include.

Next, think about what designs and illustrations you will use to tell your story.

Spread out a large sheet of white paper. Use paint and your hands to tell your story, creating symbols from the different colours.

Hang your painting on the wall to dry.

Share the story you've painted with the class. Explain what each of the symbols represents, and what the story means to you.