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First Nations map of Australia

Suitable for school students,
early stage 1, stage 1-3:
History, Visual Arts and Geography

30-60 MINUTES



This is the First Nations map of Australia. Unlike the more commonly seen map of Australia, which shows state and territory boundaries, this map shows the boundaries of Australia's First Nations groups.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A printed copy of this activity sheet
- Access to an online version of the First Nations Map
- Colour pencils or markers

LEARNING ACTIVITY

- 1 Print off the colouring sheet.
- 2 View the digital version of the Indigenous map on the AIATSIS website.
- 3 Locate the following places on the map. Mark it with a dot and label it with the name of the first Nations group and English name for the place:
 - a. The place you were born.
 - b. The place you live in.
 - c. The national capital city of Australia.
 - d. The 8 state capital cities.
 - e. Your favourite holiday destination.



Syllabus areas: History, Visual Arts and Geography

Learning outcomes:

SUBJECT	STAGE	LEARNING OUTCOME	CONTENT
Visual Arts	Early Stage 1	VAES1.1, VAES1.2	Students explore different kinds of things and experiences in their making of artworks.
Visual Arts	Stage 1	VAS1.1, VAS1.2	Students explore different kinds of subject matter and concepts in their making of artworks.
Visual Arts	Stage 2	VAS2.3	Acknowledges that artists make artworks for different reasons and that various interpretations are possible.
Visual Arts	Stage 3	VAS3.4	Communicates about the ways in which subject matter is represented in artworks.
History	Stage 2	HT2.1, HT2.2	The importance of Country and Place to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples who belong to a local area (ACHHK06o).
Geography	Early Stage 1	GEe-1	Investigate the Countries/Places important to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Peoples (ACHGK003).
Geography	Stage 1	GE1.1	Investigate connections that people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, have to local and global places (ACHGK010, ACHGK011, ACHGK012).

Extension activity (Stage 2-3):

Pick an episode of Little Yarns (www.abc.net.au/kidslisten/little-yarns/archive)

Each episode will take you on a journey to a different nation to learn a new word about country.

Once you have listened to an episode, mark the First Nations group you learned about on your map with a dot. Next to that dot, list the words and meanings you learned about their country.

DID YOU KNOW?

First Nations people have lived in Australia for at least 60,000 years. Their culture is centred on their connection to 'country', which is their traditional lands. This connection shapes their values, relationships and identity. There are over 500 different First Nations clan groups or nations. Each of these groups have different cultures, beliefs and languages.

This is the Indigenous map of Australia. This map shows the boundaries of Australian First Nations groups. You will notice that the land boundaries are different to the map of Australia commonly used that shows state and territory boundaries.