

Geography Alive: Stage 1 Geography (Unit 3)

Lesson 2: Personal places and Aboriginal people		
<p>Content focus:</p> <p>In this lesson students investigate a personal place of importance to Indigenous (Aboriginal) Australians, their traditional homes. They also have the opportunity to discuss Aboriginal peoples' connections with land, sea and the animals of their place.</p>		<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Teaching Resource: 'Aboriginal Homes' PowerPoint</i> • <i>Worksheet 1: Comparing homes</i>
<p>Key inquiry questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the concept of 'home' for Aboriginal people differ from that of non-Aboriginal people? • How are people connected to places? • What factors affect people's connections to places? 	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p><i>A student:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies how the concept of 'home', from the perspective, differs from that of non-Aboriginal Australians • describes features of places and the connections people have with places • communicates geographical information and uses geographical tools for inquiry. 	<p>Lesson sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1: Ask students "What is a home?" Record responses. • Step 2: Ask students "Who are the Aboriginal people?" Discuss. • Step 3: Tell students that Aboriginal people have a different understanding of 'home' than non-Aboriginal people. They have strong attachment to traditional lands and extended kinship systems. The Aboriginal people don't think of 'home' as a particular dwelling. • Step 4: Show students the PowerPoint 'Aboriginal Homes'. Discuss each slide to ensure students have a deep understanding. • Step 5: Students are asked to consider what is the same and what is different between their home and a traditional Aboriginal person's home using 'Lesson 2 Worksheet 1'. • Step 6: Student's share responses to <i>Worksheet 1: Comparing Homes</i>. To promote discussion and analysis ask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were the homes similar or quite different? Explain. • Does everyone need a home/personal place? • Is it important that people's personal places are the way they like them? Why?