

THE HOMES OF INDIGENOUS (ABORIGINAL) AUSTRALIANS

Some words for 'home' are gunya (gunyah), wiltija, miamia, nganu, goondie and wurley.

What is an Aboriginal person's home?

It is more than a dwelling (a house or place to live in)

Aboriginal people consider home to be:

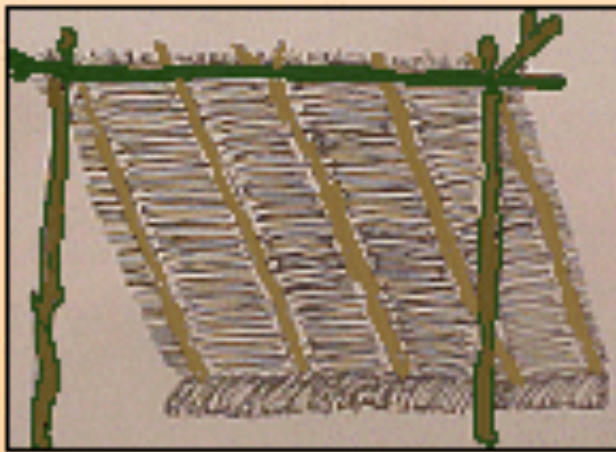
- Their attachment to the land (a physical, social, spiritual, and cultural connection)
- Their extended kinship systems (a system of relationships and how they are connected to other people)

How did they decide on their home's design?

The climate, the natural environment, the resources available, the family size and the needs of the language group were all factors that affected the type of housing that were made in an area.

Houses simply provided shelter through the day and night and protected people from different climates and weather conditions.

Some Aboriginal home designs



Lean-to

A semipermanent dwelling, usually leaning against a stone, wall or tree.



Palm Hut

A temporary hut made of light sticks and palm leaves.

Stringy bark homes

Simple shelters made of stringy bark stripped from the trunks of trees



Paper bark shelter



A palm hut



Wood huts



Stone hut

