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WORKSHEET 2.3

From the beginning

The Dreaming is a very important belief of the Aboriginal people. It provides a basis for their whole way of life, and affects how they act towards the land, their ancestors and all living creatures. It is the way Aboriginal people explain how life began and how everything in the world came to be. Aboriginal Dreaming stories provided the people with rules for living.

1 Read the Split Rock Dreaming story on page 53 of the *Jacaranda Primary Atlas Second Edition* and answer the following questions.

a What was Walguy trying to protect?.....

b Why do you think that what Walguy was protecting was valued by Aboriginal groups?

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c The Split Rock Dreaming story belongs to the Jirrbal people in North Queensland. How do the Jirrbal people believe that Split Rock was formed?

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d How might these people feel if Split Rock were turned into a mine or a housing estate?

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2 Look at the photograph of Angel Falls on page 73 of the atlas. Imagine that this landform was part of your traditional home. Write your own creation story to tell how it might have been formed.

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