



The first Australians

1 Aborigines were Australia's first people. Complete the following table using the Aboriginal timeline on page 32 of the *Jacaranda Primary Atlas Second Edition*.

Date	Evidence	Location
116 000 years ago	Engravings in rock	
	Use of ochre paint	Arnhem Land (Northern Territory)
40 000 years ago	Human skeleton	
		Wylie Swamp (South Australia)

2 Use the timeline on page 32 to list other evidence that gives us information about the early history of the Aboriginal people in Australia.

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3 How did the first Australians most probably reach Australia? (See page 32.)

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4 Use the map at the top of page 32 to help you decide where most Aboriginal people chose to live. Circle one of the following:

- a* in the deserts of central Australia
- b* near the coastline and along the riverbanks
- c* near the coastline
- d* along the banks of rivers.

5 Use the map on page 37 of the atlas to identify one Aboriginal language group from central Australia and one from a coastal area.

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6 Where did the Wunambul people live? (See page 36.)

7 Draw the Wandjina in the box provided. Why did the Wunambul people keep painting these figures?

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