

Activity sheet 1

Places with Aboriginal names

Instructions

On the map, find and shade the following places that have Aboriginal names:

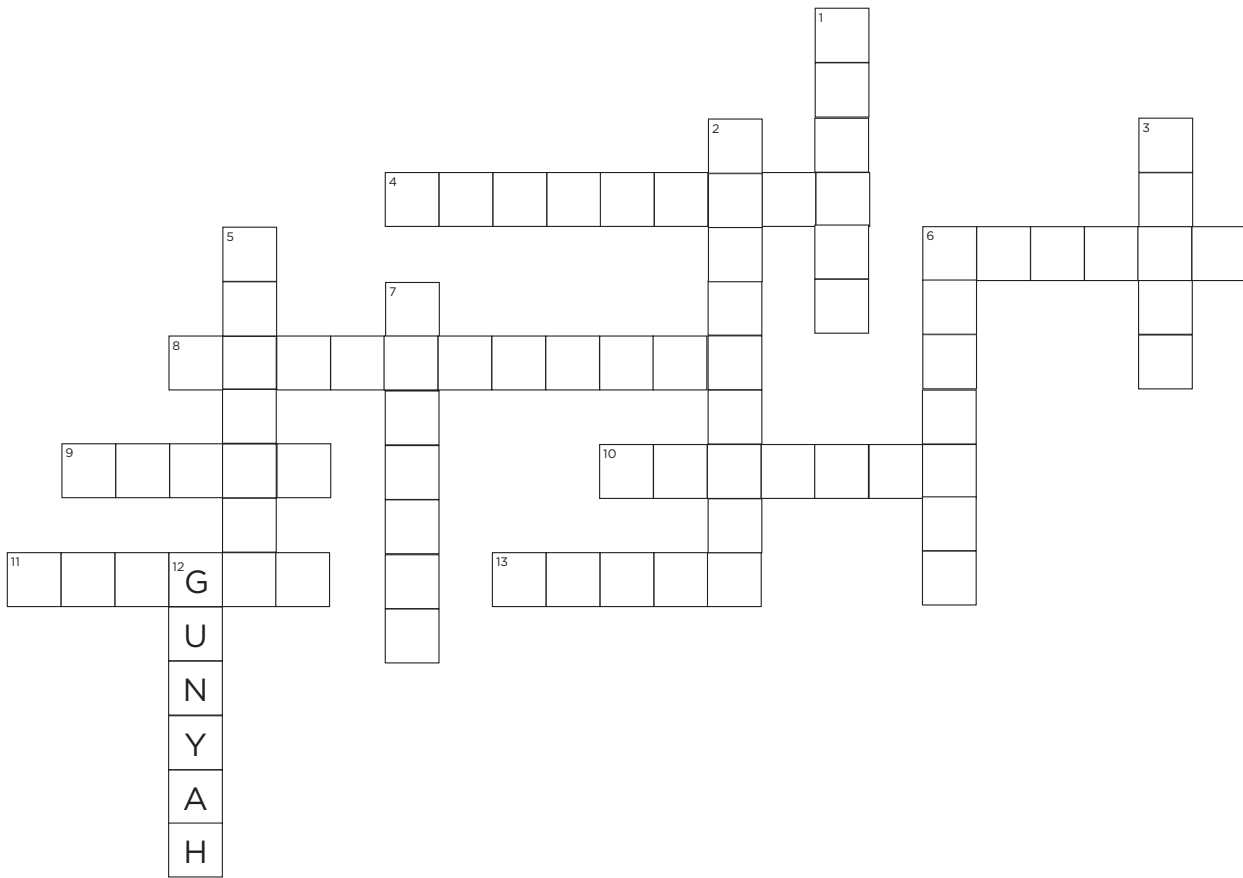
Parramatta, Cattai, Dural, Maroota, Toongabbie, Yagoona, Kurrajong, Mulgoa, Cobbity, Colo, Yarramundi.



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Activity sheet 2

Darug Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4 Eastern water dragon
- 6 Large, burrowing marsupial
- 8 A gathering of people for a special ceremony
- 9 Call to attract attention in the bush
- 10 Emblem flower of NSW
- 11 Hut or shelter
- 13 Native dog

DOWN

- 1 A large pigeon
- 2 Curved wooden throwing implement
- 3 Tree-dwelling marsupial
- 5 Throwing stick
- 6 Smaller cousin of the kangaroo
- 7 A type of owl
- 12 Shellfish found in creeks



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Activity sheet 3

Written accounts

Instructions

Draw the objects described in each of the sources in the spaces provided below.

John Hunter described Darug spears. He was a naval officer who later became Governor of NSW. Draw and label the two spears he described.

“The spears were well made; one of them had a single barb of wood fixed on it with gum, the other had two large barbs cut out of solid wood, and it was as finely brought to a point as if it had been made with the sharpest instrument.”

Hunter, J. *Historical Journal of the Transactions at Port Jackson and at Norfolk Island*

Watkin Tench described the shelters the Darug made when they were out hunting. Draw and label the shelter he described.

“Traces of the natives appeared at every step, sometimes in their hunting huts, which consist of nothing more than a large piece of bark, bent in the middle, and open at both ends, exactly resembling two cards set up to form an acute angle . . .”

Tench, W., *Sydney's First Four Years*



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Watkin Tench did not think very highly of Darug canoes, but he was impressed with the way they were handled. Draw and label a canoe as Tench described it.

“... being nothing more than a large piece of bark tied up at both ends with vines. Their dexterous management of them, added to the swiftness with which they paddle and the boldness that leads them several miles in the open sea, are, nevertheless, highly deserving of admiration. A canoe is seldom seen without a fire in it, to dress the fish by as soon as caught.”

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Figure 8: 'A family of New South Wales' by William Blake (1793) showing various tools, weapons and equipment used by Aboriginal people in the early years of the colony. National Gallery of Australia.

Activity sheet 4

Mix and Match

Instructions

Draw a line to match each source in Column 1 with the evidence (information) they provide.

Source	Evidence (Information)
Aboriginal people	Observers drew, painted or described what they saw
Aboriginal language	Can say how long Aboriginal people have lived in a place
Eyewitness accounts	Pass on stories from generation to generation
Rock engravings of animal tracks	Show where stone axe heads were made
Middens	Show us what technology was used
Archaeologists' dating	We use many Aboriginal words today
Tools of stone, bone and shell	Show us what animals were hunted
Grinding grooves on rocks	Show us what food was eaten



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