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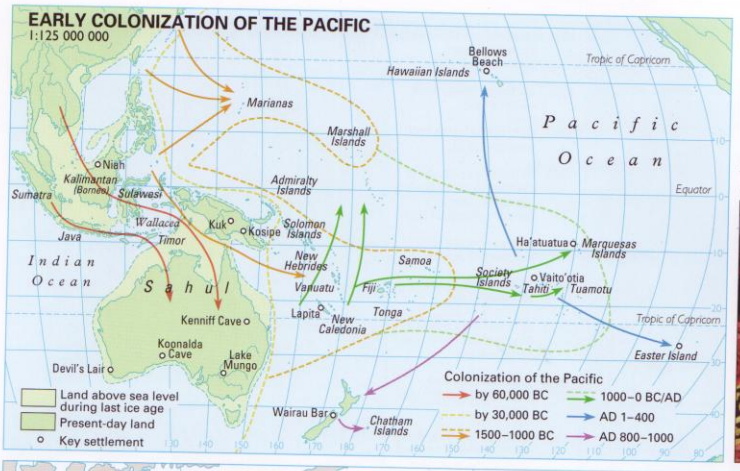
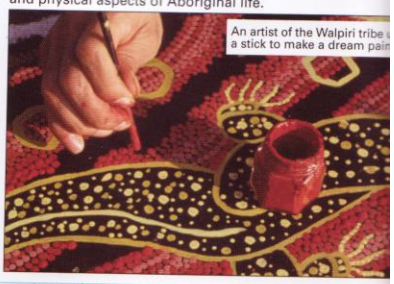


THE DREAMTIME AND THE DREAMING

The Dreamtime is often used to describe 'the time before when the Earth, humans and animals were created. Durin Dreamtime, ancestral spirits came to Earth and created th landforms, animals and plants. The stories tell how the an spirits moved through the land creating rivers, lakes and mountains.

The Dreaming has different meanings for different Abor people. It is a complex network of knowledge, faith and pra that derive from the stories of creation, dominating the sp and physical aspects of Aboriginal life.



An artist of the Walpiri tribe u a stick to make a dream pain

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE GROUPS

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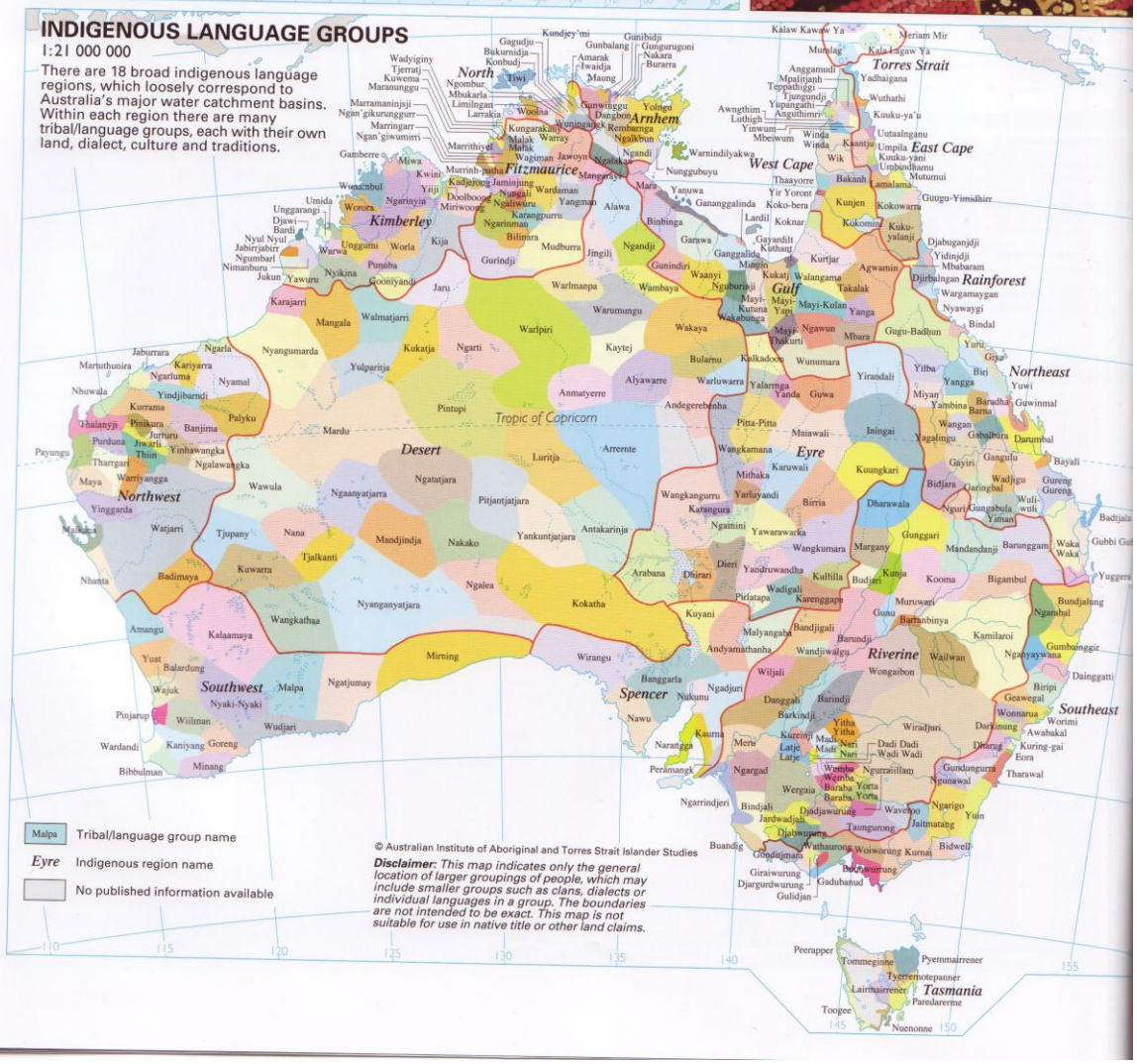
There are 18 broad indigenous language regions, which loosely correspond to Australia's major water catchment basins. Within each region there are many tribal/language groups, each with their own land, dialect, culture and traditions.



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